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TEMPORARY PREFACE

THIS text, of which the first and slightly larger portion is now issued, is taken from an admirable transcript of Rawlinson MS. B 408 in the Bodleian Library, made for the Society by Mr. Thomas Austin. Reference from the transcript to the original in a number of doubtful places seemed fully to establish its fidelity.

A detailed account of the MS. and its sources will be given in an Introduction, which has been completed for press and will be published when the text is finished. A short note, however, is necessary for present appreciation of these pages.

The first folios of the MS. are of somewhat earlier date than those which follow. These give an English rendering of some portions of the Breviary, and the presumption is that the writer intended to turn the whole service-book into his mother tongue. When the Register was sent to the binder, this fragment, although absolutely unrelated to it, was sent with it, probably with a view to its preservation. In preparing this portion of the MS. for press, I have to acknowledge most hearty assistance from Canon Wordsworth, Rector of St. Peter's, Marlborough, whose helping hand will be more fully apparent in the commentary contained in the Introduction.

The rest of the MS. presents us with the Register of Estates of Godstow Abbey. This possesses the singular interest of being, in all probability, the only complete English version of a cartulary that was ever made for a monastic house. The conditions under which it was prepared are naively told in the quaint Prologue (p. 25).

This Register in a multitude of places proved extremely hard reading. It was plain that, either from fault of the scribe, or from incapacity on the part of the translator, the meaning of the deeds had been destroyed in many places. Recourse was, therefore, had to a slightly earlier Latin Register, now among the Exchequer MSS. in the Public Records Office (King's Remembrancer, Miscellaneous Books, no. 20). By its help, the text has been cleared up and patched in a great many places. Unfortunately, this Latin copy is a fragment only, and does not fully cover the English Register.

As a piece of English writing, the Register preserves forms, both phonetic and inflexional, which will be welcome to special students. There were at least two scribes engaged in the work, the first one giving over at leaf xlviii or 58 (p. 204, note 1). My own feeling is that there were also several translators, the continuator or continuators using a somewhat different dialect from the man who began the translation. Most unfortunately, the volume, before it was bound up, seems to have fallen in pieces; and I know not how to discover its original sequence. Specialists, however, will be able to determine the point from internal evidence. The many place-names, in different localities, invite comparison and linguistic analysis. There are also some accessions for our English Dictionary.

As a translation, the Register has certain marked peculiarities. One is the tendency (page 302, note 1) to translate a single Latin word by two words, one of Latin origin, the other English. We are constantly reminded of the 'acknowledge and confess,' 'dissemble nor cloke,' 'assemble and meet together,' of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Another is the failure of the translator to perceive that the Latin order was intelligible only because of its case-endings, and could not be retained in English, where only the position of the words indicated the difference between nominative and accusative. A third feature is the reduction of the 'I,' 'me,' 'mine,' of the Latin to the third person. This was done with a view to shortening the style, but it has brought with it much darkness, numerous errors, and frequent inconsistencies.

There are also indications that the translator was no great Latinist; genitives of the first declension are often mistaken for datives, and datives of the second declension often mistaken for ablatives.

The deeds abound in valuable, though scattered, bits of information about the condition of English land and houses, and the management of estates, in the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth centuries. There are numerous incidental references to historical events. Several obscure points in early church history in England are touched upon. Much is added to our knowledge of the history of Godstow, so poorly set forth in the *Monasticon*. The fresh material for local history is considerable. These matters, so far as I am capable of handling them, have been taken note of, and will be set out in the promised introduction. Meanwhile, the notes and side-notes may serve to point out many of them.

The order of deeds in the original MS. being desperate, I have re-arranged the whole series, giving (*a*) those deeds (nos. 1–6), which related to the foundation of the nunnery; (*b*) those (nos. 7–865), which related to estates; and (*c*) the general charters (nos. 866–903), granted by bishop and archdeacon, sovereign, or pope. The estate-deeds have been arranged by counties; within each county, by places in alphabetical order of the modern spelling (retaining, however, the spelling of the MS. in the head-lines); and within each place, by subject, and, as far as possible, by order of time.

Many difficulties arose in the course of the work. To solve these, I was not bashful in asking help, and I have to express my warm thanks to many correspondents who have answered inquiries. I may mention by name G. E. Cokayne, Esq., Dr. R. L. Poole, Rev. F. W. Weaver, and two members of Lincoln College, Rev. W. Floyer Cornish, and Rev. S. Spencer Pearce. Nearly every page of the text has gained something in accuracy from the continuous assistance of Mr. Herbert Hurst, my old fellow-worker and a devoted student of Oxford antiquities, and of Rev. Herbert E. Salter, who has given these documents the benefit of his intimate

knowledge of the cartularies of Godstow's great neighbours, St. Frideswyde's Priory and Oseney and Einsham Abbeys. A special word of thanks is due from me to Dr. Furnivall, our Director, not only for advice and correction when the text came to be printed, but for encouragement and sympathy throughout the long delays which interrupted its preparation.

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ENGLISH REGISTER OF GODSTOW

(Rawlinson MS. B. 408)

PREFIXED LITURGICAL PIECES

Articles of Excommunication

(two first leaves[1] cut out)

* leaf 2.

[2]* **In constituc[ione] Oct[obonis], ca[pitul]o 'q[*uu*]m in armis.'**

Causes of Excommunication.

¶ Alle *þat* helpeth þe sare*ȝ*enes a*ȝ*ens cristen men, in armys or in any o*þer* þinge. **In q[ua]d[a]m ex[tra]uagante in cle[mentinis], qu[a]e incipit 'multa multis.'**

Helping Saracens against Christians.

4 ¶ Alle meñ of religioñ *þat* howseliṫ, or weddiṫ, or anelit̄ any mañ or woman, w*ith*-out leve of his *propur* preste; or assoyleṫ any mañ a pe*na* & culpa, w*ith*-out special p*ri*uelege of þe pope; or makiṫ or lediṫ 8 any mañ, be fayre wordes, or be-hestis, to be-hote or to swere to be biried among hem, from his parissh̄ church̄: or *ȝ*if̄ þei haue chose her birieng among hem, for to lette hem for to change hit, þey be ac*ur*sed̄. **ex*tra* 12 de p*ri*uileg*iis* c[apitul]*o* 'Religiosi.' & ex*tra* de pe*nis* & re. ca[pitul]*o* 'Cupie*n*tes inde.'**

Monastics
(i) giving sacraments, without parish priest's leave;
(ii) giving absolution, without pope's privilege;
(iii) persuading people to be buried in conventual church;
(iv) forbidding people to withdraw their promise, if afterwards they wished to be buried in their parish church.

¶ Alle *þat* knowet̄h heresy, wicchecrafte, enchauntement, Nigromañcy, coniurison*es* or any fals beleve a*ȝ*ens the feyth̄ of̄ 16 holichurch̄, but *ȝ*if̄ þei distroye hit be þer̄ power. And al *þat* ben ordened to enquere þer-oñ, *ȝ*if̄ þei leue the sute *þe*rof. **Ex*tra* de sen*tencia* ex[communicationis] 'quicu*n*q*ue*' li[br]*o*[3] 5°.**

Conniving at heresy or witchcraft.

¶ Alle lordes *þat* maketh her̄ prestes to synge her̄ messe 20 in churchis enterdited, and w*ith* bellis ryngyng clepiṫh̄ folke to messis; or forbediṫh̄ her subiect*es* *þat* beñ acursed to go out of̄ þe church̄, and al *þat* beth done out of̄ church̄ by name, but *ȝ*if̄ þei gone out anoñ wheñ þei ben bede by 24 þe preste thryes, & hold̄ hem out of̄ al churches vntil þei be reconcilед̄ and y-come to Ameñdemēnte, þei mowe

Great folks
(i) forcing priests to disregard interdict;
(ii) encouraging followers to resist excommunication.

[1] The present foliation allows for one leaf.
[2] Clarendon type represents the rubrics of the original.
[3] i. e. Sexti Decretalium libro v. tit. xi, cap. 11.

Persons excommunicate refusing to quit church.

not be assoyled of her rebelte but of þe pope alone. **Ex*tra* de sentenc*ia* ex[communicationis]** [1] **ca[pitulo] 'Grauis' in cle[mentinis].**

Sick people receiving absolution from unlicensed persons, and refusing it from licensed persons.

¶ Alle þo been A-cursed þat in parelle of dethe beth assoyled of hym þat hath no power be þe lawe, and haue y-hote to seche absolucon of hym þat hath power, ȝif þei do hit not anon as sone as þei may, þei falle aȝen in þe cursyng þat þei were in before & worse for her vnbuxu*m*nesse. **ex*tra* de sen*tentia* ex[communicationis] 'eos qui' li[br]o 5°.**

Paramours who persist in companying with each other. People who countenance them.

¶ Al þo þat by name be acursed for lechery, men or women, but ȝif þei departe company anon, and al þ*at* comenyth w*ith* hem þ*at* be acursed, in etynge or in drynkyng, helpyng or receyvyng or fau*er*yng, but onlich in hope to brynge hem in-to amendement.

Persons who hinder settlement of feuds or law-pleas.

¶ Alle þo þ*at* lettith, by worde or be dede, partyes þat ben wrothe, or in stryvyng, or in pletyng, to be made at cone, ben ac*ur*sed and mow not be assoyled tille þey haue restorid þat y*at* was wronge and so moch more to pore men. **In *con*st*itucione* oct[obonis] ca[pitul]*o* 'Cum p*ro*pter.'**

Secular officers hindering church officers in intestacy.

¶ Alle secular lordes and bayles þat lettith the ordinaryes of holichurch to dispose the goodis of men dyinge w*ith*-out testamen*te*s in paying of her dettis or in almes ȝevyng for her sowles. **In *con*st*itucione* Strafford ca[pitul]*o* 'Accidit.'**

People who revel at wakes, instead of praying for deceased's soul.

¶ Alle þo þat customably come to lyches and occupy hem w*ith* vanytees and rybawdry, wher þei shuld pray for þe sowle.

Many other offences; e.g. blasphemy, * leaf 2, back.

Many o*þer* poyntes þer be sette in þe lawe of holichurch, for þe wiche he þat vseth hem customablich, and wil not amend hym þer-of, is acursed and putte out of comenyng of cristen men. Of þe wiche oon is þis: he þat customablich swerith by þe here of criste, * or by his hede, or any o*þer* man*er* vsith blasphemyng aȝens god or his seyntis, ȝif he is in order of holichurch, he shal be deposid þerfor; And ȝif he be A lewde man he shal be acursed þerfor, as hit is seyd in Canon. [causa]. **22. q[uest.] 1. Siquis p*er* capillu*m* dei uel p*er* caput iurau*er*it uel amodo blasphemia vs*us* fu*er*it, si in ecc*les*iastico ordine e*st*: deponatur. Si laycus e*st*: Anathematiȝetur.**

[1] *eos qui li[br]o* 5° followed: struck out, because belonging to next section. It is cap. 22 of lib. v. tit. xi.

¶ Also al maner of haserdowr̃es and comyn dyes players, ȝif þei at warenyng of holichurch sease not ther-of, þei shulle be acursed, as lawe of holichurch seyth. **d[istinctione] ȝij. ca[pitul]o . . .:** ȝif a bisshop or a preste vse such haserdyng or dyseplayng, but ȝif he leue hit, certenly he is dampned: ȝif a dekeñ or a subdekeñ or any clerke vse hit, he shal be put out of comenyng of cristeñ men: Also ȝif he be a lay mañ, he shal be a-cursed. ¶ Also in þe ciuile hit is wrytteñ. **Codice de episcopis & clericis. Auctentica.** We interdiȝteñ al bysshopes, prestis, dekenes, subdekenes, and al men of religion what-soeuer þei be, þat vsen haserdyng or dyseplayng, or ellis maken hem parteneres or ellis come to be-holden such maner men playng. ¶ **Siquis autem ex hijs in hoc deliquerit, iubemus hunc tribus annis venerabili misterio prohiberi & in monasterio redigi. Sed si medio tempore se penitentem ostenderit: liceat sacerdoti sub quo constitutus est muneꝝ. . . tꝰ . . . Et hunc rursus proprio misterio reddere. tj l[1].**

and dice-playing,

which even the civil law prohibits to clerics.

¶ **Excommunicacio.**

By þe auctorite of oure lorde god almyȝti, and our lady seynt mary, and al þe seyntes in heuen, of angelis and archaungeles, patriarkes and prophetis, apostolis and euaungelistis, Martere*s*, confessoris and virgynes, and also by þe power of holichurch þat oure lorde Ihesu *chr*iste ȝaue to seynt Petur and to al his successoris,

Formula of excommunication of these offenders, and of their abettors,

We denowñce al þo openly acursed þat we haue þus rekened to ȝow; and al þo þat maynteñ hem in her synnes, or ȝeve þem any helpe þerto or counsell. So þat þei be departed fro god an[d] al holy church, and þat þei haue no parte of þe passioñ of criste ne no parte of prayeres amonge cristeñ folke, but þat þei ben acursed of god and of al holichurch, fro þe sole of her [fote] to þe crowne of her hede, slepyng and wakyng, sytting or stondyng, And in al her workes workyng and in al her wordes spekynge. And but ȝif þei haue grace of god for to amende hem here by her lyfe, for to dwelle in þe payne of helle for euer with-out ende. And riȝt as þis Candelle is qwenched and departed fro liȝt: so þei for to be departed fro god þat is liȝt of þis worlde for euer and to dwelle in helle all way in derkenesse without ende. Fiat Fiat. Amen.

exemplified by putting out the candle.

DEVOTIONAL PIECES

[Invocation to the Cross.]

* leaf 3. * **Here begynneth þe . A . B . C . of deuocion :·**

(1)

Help us, O cross, ✠ of ihesu criste be euer oure spede, 1
And kepe vs from perel of synnes and payne.
Blessid be þat lorde þat on þe crosse dide blede,
Crist, god and man, þat for vs was slayne:
Dede he was and rose vp agayne. 5
Euer helpe us, crosse! with hym to a-ryse
Fro deeth to lyue, and synne to dispise. 7

(2)

Gracyous crosse! now grawnt us þat grace 8
Hym for to worship with al oure mynde,
always to reverence thee; In wordes, in werkes, and in euery place
Knelyng and kyssyng þe, where we þe fynde.
Late us be neuer to hym vnkynde 12
Mercyfully þat made vs to be men
Nomore to kepe but his heestis ten. 14

(3)

O blissful crosse! teche us al vertu 15
to please God in our life; Plesyng to god for oure saluacion,
Quenchyng alle vices in þe name of ihesu
Raunson payng for oure dampnacion,
Sende us suche grace of conuersacion 19
and to attain to glory. That we may stye and glorified be
Where crist is kyng þat dyed on tre. 21

(4)

O Christ, Crist, þat dyed on þe holy roode! 22
I pray þe, good lorde! with al my myght,
do us good, Sende us summe part of al thy goode,
And kepe us from yuel euer day and nyght,
Contynuyng þi mercy sauyng al ryght. 26
by the 'title' on thy cross. **Titulle** of þi passion **Poynt** us saue
As to thy ✠ reuerence we may haue. 28

[Metrical versions of some General Acts of Devotion.]

(5)

In nomine p*at*ris & filij et sp*irit*us s*ancti*. Amen. General Prayers.

29 In the name of þe blessid trinyte, *Prayer, at rising, making the sign of the Cross,*
The fader, þe sone, and þe holi goost,
I make þis ✠ to defende me
Fro myne enemyes and þer boost.
33 Blesse me, lorde ih*es*u, þat I be not lost,
Thorgh vertu and grace of þis ✠ holy syne, *and crossing yourself.*
35 Where-on þow suffred þi passyon pyne.

(6)

* **Pater noster, qui es in celis, sanctificet*ur* nomen tuu*m*.** * leaf 3, back.

36 Oure fader in heuen halowed be þi name, *The Lord's Prayer,*
As Ih*es*us þi sone taw3t us to say:
Kepe us þi children from synne and blame,
That we ben saued at oure laste day.
40 Thi name in us halowed be may
Iff we make clene oure tempil w*ith*-ynne.
42 Now kepe us, fader! fro deedly synne.

(7)

Adueniat regnum tuum.

43 Fader! þi kyngdom late come to us, clause by clause.
That we may come and dwelle with the:
Thy sonne, oure broþer and oure lorde, ih*es*us,
Bought us þat kyngdome on þe rode tre.
47 Now, for his loue þat dyed for me
And hath oure flessh þere in his region,
49 Lete me come aftur with true confession.

(8)

Fiat uoluntas tua, sicut in celo, & in terra.

50 Fader! þi wille late euer be done,
With us in erthe, as it is in heuen:
And as ofte as we make any t*ran*gression̄,
The werkes of mercy late helpe us seuen [The seven works of mercy]
54 In oure a-countes þat we stande euen,
So þat þi wil fulfilled may be
56 With feyth and hope and trew charite.

(9)

General Prayers.

Panem n*ostru*m cotidianu*m* da nobis hodie.

Geue us þis day oure euery dayes brede, 57
Oure bodily sustynaunce and gostely also,
That wheþer we be a-lyue or dede
Oure gostely fode with us may go
To make us stronge a-ȝenst oure fo, 61
Euer vpon us þat lythe in a-wayte
To take þi childreñ with hokes and bayte. 63

[The Evil One is a fisherman with baited hooks,

(10)

Et dimitte nob*is* debita n*ost*ra sicut & nos dimittim*us* debitorib*us* n*ost*ris.

And also, fader! forȝeue oure dettes, 64
To al oure dettours as we forȝeue;
And when oure enemye wil caste his nettes
To cacche þi children, ȝeue hym no leue.
Suffre us neuer þe for to greue, 68
Forȝeuyng al þat ys done before;
And grawnt us grace to greue þe nomore. 70

and with nets.]

(11)

* leaf 4.

*** Et ne nos inducas in temptacionem.**

And lede us not, fader! in-to temptacion, 71
Ne suffre us neuer to falle þer-ynne.
The fende bryngeth us fals delectacion;
Our flesh is redy euer to synne;
The worlde is besy us for to blynne. 75
When þer temptaciones meueth our entent,
Suffer us neuer to graunt nor consent. 77

(12)

Sed libera nos a malo.

But, fader! delyuer us from al ylle 78
Thorgh þese peticiou*ns* þat ih*es*us vs taught,
And suffre oure sowles neuer to spylle
For whom þi sone so manly hath faught.
And in oure batayle ȝif we be caught 82
Raunsom us, fader! with mercy and grace,
And bryng us al to þi blisful place. **Amen.** 84

[We are fighting a battle, and in danger of being made captives.]

(13)

Aue, maria, gracia plena; d*omin*us tecu*m*: b*ene*dicta tu in mulierib*us*, & cetera. General Prayers.

85 Hayle mary, virgyn so ful of grace!
Oure lorde almyghty is fully with þe.
This salutacion is oure solace.
A-boue al women blessid mot þow be,
89 And blessid be þe frute of þi wombe so fre.
Ih*es*us, oure lorde god is sone and þyne,
91 Pray hym for us, blessid lady myne.

The argelic Salutation: Hail, Mary! which is our solace.

(14)

Credo in deum patrem, & cetera. *The Creed:*

92 I beleue on god in p*er*sones þre,
The fader, and sone, and holigost,
Maker of heuen, with angels degre,
And erthely þinges, both leste and most.
96 All þis he made with-oute any cost:
His worde was seyd, and al was done.
98 And lyke myghty is euery persone.

I believe, in the Holy Trinity; in the Father, Maker of all things.

(15)

99 I beleue on ih*es*u *chr*ist, þe secound p*er*sone,
The sone of god, þe holygost worchyng,
Was man conceyued, a-boue al resone;
And borne of a mayde w*ith*-out hyre hurtyng.
103 But he was hurte, w*ith* myche payne suffryng:
Crucified, deed, and leyde on his graue,
105 Descendyng to helle his seru*aun*tes to saue.

I believe in the Son, incarnate, and crucified,

(16)

106 * The þridde [day] aftur þo he a-roos,
And to his discipullis ofte he dide apere.
He stied to heuen with his body cloos,
Sendyng his holygost þem for to chere:
110 And atte domes-day he wil come nere
To deme þe worlde, al qwykke and dede,
112 Aftir þe lyfe as þei dide here lede.

* leaf 4, back. and risen again, and ascended, and coming in judgement.

General Prayers.

(17)

I believe in Holy Church, and the Seven Sacraments.

I bileue also in al holichurch, 113
With þe seuen sac*ra*mentis after þe feith.
Crist grawnt us grace truly to worch,
With true bileue as holichurch seith.
The c*ommun*ion of seyntis now for vs preith, 117
In whom I beleue, as holichurch techith,
And as þe clergy to þe pepul prechith. 119

(18)

I believe in forgiveness of sins, with confession and penitence.

I bileue more-ouer, in fulle remyssyon 120
Of al oure synn*es*, in worke or þought,
With shrifte of mowth and herte contricyon,
Thorgh crist is mercy, þat us hath bought.
Than, synful man! dispayre þe nought; 124
For ȝif þi synnes be many and grete,
Aske m*er*cy, and amende, and god wil forgete. 126

(19)

I believe in the Resurrection.

I bileue at þe laste in þe resurreccyon, 127
When al oure bodies shal rise aȝeyne.
Then cristes passion be oure p*ro*teccyon,
When he shal see al oure lyif pleyne.
God saue us from euerlastyng peyne, 131
Helpyng oure lyfe her to amende;
And graunt us þe life þat neu*er* ende. 133

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General confession of sins.

Confiteor deo, & cet*era*.

I knowlech to god, w*ith* veray contricon, 134
Vn-to seynt mary, and his seyntis alle,
Through my frailty

Þat, þorgh my frealte and wrecchid condic*i*on,
In-to many synnes ofte haue I falle.
But aftir mercy now wille I calle, 138
With true confession, repentaunce,
(God graunt me space), and due penaunce. 140

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General Prayers.

141 * First: I knowlech þat I haue broken
His x. commaundementis in many a place,
In werke, in worde, in þought, in token;
And ofte be vnkynd vn-to his grace;
145 Sweryng by his body, or by his face,
Taken in ydul his blessid holy name:
147 Wherfore y knowlech me gretely to blame.

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I have broken the Ten Commandments: using profane oaths;

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148 I haue not loued hym and dred as I shuld,
Neither serued hym in kepyng myne holyday;
But rather to playes and Iapes y wolde,
Then to serue god, rede, syng, or pray.
152 Al þe circumstaunce y can not say,
So synful y am and so vnstable,
154 For my defautes ben innumerable.

playing on Holy Days, instead of worshipping;

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155 My fader and moder I haue not obeyed,
As y shuld haue done, with helpe or mekenesse.
The balance of vertues I haue mysweyed,
With sleyng of tonge, or with wilfulnesse,
159 With lechory, or with þefte, or fals witnesse,
Couetyng wykkydly man or mannes wyfe
161 And oþer gode þat longed to þer lyfe.

not doing my duty to men.

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162 The seuen dedely synnes I can not excuse:
For I am gylty, in many maner wyse,
With delectacyon, consente, and vse;
Al now to reherce I may not suffyse;
166 In Pryde, Envye, wrath, Lechory, & couetyse,
Sleuth, and Glotony, with al þer spices.
168 Alas! al my life is ful of vices.

I have been guilty of the Seven Deadly Sins.

General Prayers.

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I have misused my Five Senses.

And my fyue wyttes I haue ofte myspend; 169
To many vanytes castyng my syght,
And with my heeryng ful ofte y offend;
My smellyng, my tastyng, I spend not ryght;
My handes to synne haue ben ful light. 173
Thus haue I gouerned my wittes fyve,
And in synne mispended al my lyve. 175

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I have omitted the Works of Mercy;

* The werkes of mercy I haue not fulfilled, 176
Aftir my power, as ofte as I myght.
To helpe þe pore I was not beste willed,
With mete and drynke and cloþing þem dyght,
ȝeuyng no herborogh a-dayes or nyght, 180
Helpyng no prisoners, ne vysyting þe seeke;
To bery þe dede I was not meke. 182

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and the Spiritual Works.

The gostely werkes y haue lefte also, 183
To coun*c*el and teche þem þat were lewde,
Geuyng no comfort in socour and wo,
Neyther to chaste such as were shrewde,
And so þer harmes not sore me rewed, 187
Neyther forȝeuyng with true pacience
Or prayed for þem þat dide me offence. 189

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I have contemned the Seven Sacraments.

I haue not reu*e*rensed þe seuen sac*ra*mentes 190
Þat ben ordenyd for my saluacion,
But of[1] sore synned þat me repentes.
Aftir my baptym[2] and confirmacion,
My orders or wedlok standith in accusacion. 194
God graunt me penawnce, and holy brede,
And holy anoyntyng, or I be dede. 196

[1] *Of* is elsewhere used for *oft*. [2] *Sic.*

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General Prayers.

197 **A**l þis I knowleche in general,
Of synnes doyng, and leuyng goode werkes.
ȝif I shulde nombre þe branches especial,
I shulde occupy to wryte þer-of many clerkes.
201 With synful lyfe my sowle derkes
That I can not see and lasse my defautes,
203 And euer my enemyes maketh many sautes.

I am a miserable sinner:

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204 **N**ow light me, holygost! with þi presence;
And ȝeue grace my lyfe to amende,
With drede, and pyte, and trew science,
With gostely strengthe to make a good ende.
208 Thy gracyous councel to me now sende,
With suche vnderstondyng, and clere wisdome,
210 That y may come to þi kyngdome.

may the Holy Ghost grant me amendment of life.

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*** Precor sanctam mariam, omnes sanctos, et *cetera*.** *** leaf 6.**

211 **I** pray þe, lady! þe moder of crist,
Praieth ȝoure sone me for to spare,
With al angels, and Iohn Baptist,
And al ȝoure company þat now ys thare.
215 Al holichurche, for my welfare,
Graunt me of ȝoure merites a participacion,
217 And praieth oure lorde for my saluacyon.

Therefore I invoke the Saints,

and desire the merits of the Church.

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Misereatur mei omnipotens deus, & *cetera*.

218 **N**ow, god almyghty! haue mercy on me,
For maryes prayers and al þi sayntes,
To whom, wepyng and knelyng on kne,
Thus now I make my complayntes.
222 For sorow and shame my hert ful fayntes;
Wherfor of al my synnes mercy I cry,
224 And pray the to bryng to heuen an hy.

Prayer for God's mercy.

General Prayers.

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In manus tuas, & cetera.

Last thing at night; commendation to God.

In-to þi handes, lorde! I take my soule, 225
Whom þou boughtist with þi bittur passion.
Assoyle me, for seynt petur and poule,
And al þi seyntis supplicacion;
And, by þe vertu of þis confession, 229
Saue me fro payne and fro þe fende,
And bring me to blis þat hath none ende. 231

[take= give.]

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Pro graciis Agendis.

Grace before and after meat.

Afore mete, and aftir, gracias say we, 232
Thankyng þe, lorde! of al þi grete grace;
And for al þi ȝiftes blessid mote þou be,
Of mete, of drynke, and oþer solace:
At al due tymes, and in euery place, 236
Thyne almes is redy to riche and pore:
Euer blessid þou be, good lorde! þerfore. 238

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Retribuere dignare. & *cetera.*

Prayer for benefactors.

Lorde, þat ȝeuest us many þinges, 239
Rewarde to al oure benefactours,
To al oure frendes, and wel wyllynges,
Thy reste of heuen, after þer labours.
Graunt us al þyne helpe and socours, 243
As ofte as we pray þi mercy and grace,
While þat we lyue in þis short space. 245

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* **Anime omnium fidelium defunctorum, et *cetera.***

Prayer for the dead.

And al þe soules now paste byfore, 246
Abydyng þi mercy in payneful place,
Suffre þem, lorde! be payned nomore;
But send þem soon þi fauour and grace,
That þei may come before þi face, 250
And sey gracias þere byfore þe.
Amen, lorde! amen! so mote hit be! 252

Explicit.

[Kalendar: (i) lunar, (ii) dominical, (iii) Roman, (iv) church.]

* leaf 7.

* **Ianuarius.** *Ianuary.*

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iij	A	KL		O Ihesu lorde! for þi **Circumsicyon**,	253	1. Circumcisio Domini.
	b	iiij	Ns	In þe begynnyng as of þe new ȝere,		
xi	c	iij	N	Kepe me euer from al confusyon.		
	d	ij	Ns	When þat I shal stonde at myne answere,		
xix	e	Nonas		Lorde graunt me grace wel for to apere;	257	
viij	f	viij	Ids	And for þi worshipful **Epyphanye**,		6. Epiphania Domini.
	g	vij		Graunt þou me good lyfe, and wel for to dye.	259	

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xvj	A	vj	Ids	Now pray for me, blessid **Seynt lucyan**,	260	8. Lucianus, Presb.
v	b	v		That I myght be hadde forth vnto ȝoure daunce,		
	c	iiij	Ids	There god reulith both angel and man		
xiij	d	iij		In right true loue with-outen variaunce.		
ij	e	ij	Ids	ȝiffe me some comfort as of acqueyntaunce,	264	
	f	Idus		Confessour and bisshop **Seynt hillary**,		13. Hilarius, Episc.
x	g	xix	Kls	With good **Seynt felice** þat ioyeth þe by.	266	14. Felix, Presb.

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	A	xviij	Kls	O sacred abbot **Maure**! kepe me from vyce,	267	15. Maurus, Abbas.
xviij	b	xvij		With help of þe, pope and martir, **Marcel**.		16. Marcellus, P. et M.
vij	c	xvj	Kls	I pray þe teche me, blessid **Seynt sulpice**,		17. Sulpicius, Episc. et C.
	d	xv		With þat holy virgyn **Prisce**, syng nowel.		18. Prisca, Virgo.
xv	e	xiiij	Kls	O bysshop **wlstan**, ȝif me good councel,	271	19. Wulstan, E. et C.
iiij	f	xiij		And þese martirs **Fabian and sebastian**,		20. Fabianus et Sebastianus, MM.
	g	xij	Kls	With þe virgyn **Agnes** þat wel help can.	273	21. Agnes, V. et M.

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xij	A	xj	Kls	Sette my pacience, halowed **vincent**,	274	22. Vincentius, M.
j	b	x		That hit may grow with ynne my inwarde saule.		
	c	ix		Conuert þou us from al euel entent,		
ix	d	viij	Kls	Glorious conuersion of seynt **Paule**,		25. Conversio Pauli.
	e	vij		That we escape þe wikked fendes braule.	278	
xvij	f	vj		Help us, **Seynt Iulyan**! to be vnbound,		27. Iulianus, E. et C.
vj	g	v		With þe virgyn **Agnes** now þe secound.	280	28. Agnes (2nd commemoration).

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	A	iiij	Kls	Kepe us dayly from al maner of synne,	281	
xiiij	b	iij		Quene **Batylde**! in especyal from pryde:		30. Bathildis, Reg. et V.
iij	c	ij		Suffer us neuer for to dye þere-ynne.		

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February.

* Februarius.

1. Brigida, V.		d	KL		Ihesu! for þi holy virgyn **Seynt Bryde.**	284
2. Purificatio B.V.M.	xj	e	iiij	Ns	**O puryfied lady,** be now oure gyde.	285
3. Blasius, E. et M.	xix	f	ij	Ns	Teche us to lyue wel, o bysshop **Seynt Blase,**	
	viij	g	ij	Ns	For þis wrecchid lyfe is but as a mase.	287

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5. Agatha, V. et M.		A	Nonas		Lede þou us, virgyn and martir **Agas,**	288
6. Vedastus et Amandus, Episc.	xvj	b	viij	Ids	And þe bisshopes **Vedast and Amand.**	
	v	c	vij		We walke now here in þis derkenes, alas!	
		d	vj		Teche us þe trouth for to vnderstond,	
	xiij	e	v	Ids	Delyueryng us from the fendes bond.	292
19. Scholastica, V.	ij	f	iiij		Help þu us, holy virgyn **Seynt scolast,**	
		g	iij		Until þis short lyfe here be ouer past.	294

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	x	A	[ij]	Ids	Be of good comfort and ioye now, hert myne:	295
		b	Idus		Wel mayst þu glade and verray lusty be.	
14. Valentinus, Episc. et M.	xviij	c	xvj	Kls	For, as I hope truly, **Seynt valentyne**	
	vij	d	xv		Wil schewe us loue, and daunsyng be with me.	
16. Juliana, V. et M.		e	xiiij		O virgyn **Iulyan,** I chese now the	299
[valentines,	xv	f	xiij	Kls	To my valentyne, both with hert and mouth:	
	iiij	g	xij		To be true to þe wold god þat I couth.	301

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and love-dittles]		A	xj	Kls	I hope and trist to lerne for to pursewe	302
	xij	b	x		Aftur þese valentynes be metre.	
	j	c	ix		I loue þem al wel, both olde and newe,	
22. Cathedra Petri in Antiochia.		d	viij	Kls	With cathedracion[1] of **Seynt petre.**	
	ix	e	vij		No more of loue y me entremetre.	306
24. Mathias, Apost.		f	vj		I pray þe now, apostil **Seynt Mathye,**	
	xvij	g	v		For cristes true loue I to lyue and dye.	308

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[valentine.]	vj	A	iiij	Kls	O true valeyntyne is oure lord to me.	309
		b	iij		Al his body on þe crosse he spredde,	
	xiiij	c	ij		And for þat my soule his spouse shuld be.	

[1] MS.—*om.*

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* **Marcius.** *March.*

iij	d	Kl		With his blode, **Seynt dauid**! he did me wedde:	312	1. David, Episc.
	e	vj	Ns	Pray for me now, with sacred **Seynt Chedde**,	313	2. Cedda, Episc.
xj	f	v	Ns	That I to hym my couenaunt wole holde		
	g	iiij	Ns	That for me was both bought and solde.	315	

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xix	A	iij	Ns	In þis world here shul not we longe ben;	316	
viij	b	ij	Ns	Vn-to a noþer contrey we ben bought.		
	c	Nonas		Now pray for us, moost holy virgyn!		7. Perpetua et Felicitas, VV. et MM.]
xvj	d	viij	Ids	That in oure wey no wise we erre nought,		
v	e	vij		But al oure werkes both in worde and þought	320	
	f	vj	Ids	Be made so plesaunt vnto þi hyȝe spouse		
xiij	g	v		That we may ben seruantes in his hyȝe house.	322	

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ij	A	iiij	Ids	O holy doctour, blessid pope **Gregour**!	323	12. Gregorius, Papa.
	b	iij		That sendist seynt Austyn in to Englonde,		
x	c	ij		In my temptacion I may fynde socour		
	d	Idus.		By comfort of þi moost gracyous soonde:		
xviij	e	xvij	Kls	But ȝit by þi writyng I vndurstonde	327	
vij	f	xvj		That al þis wrecchid lyfe is here ful harde.		
	g	xv		Now pray for us, blessid kyng **Seynt Edwarde**.	329	18. Edwardus, R. et M.

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xv	A	xiiij	Kls	We ben ful myche dayly in goddes dette;	330	
iiij	b	xiij		Good bisshop **Cuthbert**, pray þu now for us;		20. Depositio Cuthberti.
	c	xij		And þou holy Abbot, good **Seynt Benette**,		21. Benedictus, Abbas.
xij	d	xj		Help whyle we stond in þe myre now þus,		
j	e	x	Kls	That oure good lord now, swete ihesus,	334	
	f	ix		May make us þerof a mytigacion		
ix	g	viij		In reuerence of his **Annunciacion**.	336	25. Annunciatio Dominica.

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	A	vij	Kls	O blessid lady! with þis **Emanuel**[1],	337	
xvij	b	vj		Now for his glorious **Resurreccion**,		27. Resurrectio Dominica.
vj	c	v		Helpe us, with þine angel **Gabriel**		28. Gabriel, Archangel.
	d	iiij	Kls	For his worshipful salutacion,		
xiiij	e	iij		And for his merveloes incarnacion	341	
iij	f	ij		Which þat wrought was þorgh þe holigost.		

[1] Rubricated in error.

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April.

* **Aprilis.**

		g		Kl	Kepe us, lady, vnder þi blessid ost.	343
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	xj	A	iiij	Ns	Now thenke on gentil oft chose [1],	344
3. Ricardus, Ep. et C.		b	iij	Ns	For þe riȝt good prayer of **Seynt Richard,**	
4. Ambrosius, Ep. et C.	xix	c	ij	Ns	And for þe huge loue of doctour **Ambrose,**	
	viij	d	Nonas.		For þis world is now ful fals and hard:	
	xvj	e	viij	Ids	Turne not, swete lady, þi chere a-wayward,	348
	v	f	vij	Ids	For, al þogh þat we ryȝt synful be,	
		g	vj	Ids	The more nede, lady! haue we now to þe.	350
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[Proverb.]	xiij	A	v	Ids	Who spareth to speke, he spareth to spede:	351
	ij	b	iiij	Ids	Therfor we aught to cry, both day & nyght,	
		c	iij	Ids	Now helpe us, good lady! in oure nede,	
	x	d	ij	Ids	For þi halowed son ys ful of myght.	
		e	Idus.		Of the blessid sonne-beem ȝeue us su*m*me light,	355
14. Tiburtius, Valerianus, MM.	xviij	f	xviij	Kls	For **Seynt Tyburce** and for **Valerian,**	
	vij	g	xvij	Kls	And shew us þu art a gentil woman.	357
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		A	xvj	Kls	Whiles þat I lyue, y wil no wyse sese	358
	xv	b	xv	Kls	To crye on hym þat ys my souerayn lege.	
	iiij	c	xiiij	Kls	Halowed kyng Ih*e*su! now sende us pese,	
19. Alphegus, M.		d	xiij	Kls	For þe holy prayer of **Seynt Alphege.**	
[Pilgrimage to shrines.]	xij	e	xij	Kls	I wil now me walke from sege to sege,	362
	j	f	xj	Kls	And pray to help me now euery saynt,	
		g	x	Kls	For vn-to hym I made þere my complaynt.	364
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23. Georgius, M.	ix	A	ix	Kls	O sacred **Seynt George**! oure lady knyght,	365
		b	viij	Kls	To þat lady þu pray now for me.	
25. Marcus, Evang.	xvij	c	vij	Kls	ȝeueth me, **Seynt Marke**! some goostely sight	
	vj	d	vj	Kls	Þat I may my self þe bettur to se.	
		e	v	Kls	Alas! myne yȝe is blynd in his degre,	369
28. Vitalis, M.	xiiij	f	iiij	Kls	But ȝitte y pray þe, marter **Seynt vital,**	
	iij	g	iij	Kls	Helpe me to lyue wel when þ*at* I dye shal.	371
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		A	ij	Kls	And ȝe two apostelis, now both in fere,	372

[1] *Sic.*

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* **Mayus.** *May*

xj	b		Kl		**Philip and Iacob!** maken mencyon	373	1. Philippus et Iacobus, Apost.
	c	vj	Ns		To god of us al in ȝoure good prayere.		
xix	d	v	Ns		Now, for the holy **Crosse Inuencyon,**		3. Inventio Crucis.
viij	e	iiij	Ns		Heuen blisse we axe for oure pension,	376	
	f	iij	Ns		Thorgh meryte of þy dyuyne **Ascencion,**		[5. Ascension day.]
xvj	g	ii	Ns		*With* þe helpe of **Seynt Iohn̄ at porte latyne.**	378	6. Iohannes ante Portam Latinam.

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v	A	Nonas.			**Now,** glorious seynt **Iohn̄ of Beuerlay,**	379	7. Iohannes de Beverlaco.
	b	viij	Ids		I pray þe hertely draw not a-bache:		
xiij	c	vij	Ids		Gadre us floures of heuenly maye,		[The may.]
ij	d	vj	Ids		With martyrs **Gordian and Epimache,**		10. Gordianus et Epimachus, MM.
	e	v	Ids		And cureth þer-with oure grete soules ache.	383	
x	f	iiij	Ids		Now **Nerei, Achille, And Pancrace,**		12. Nereus, Achilleus, Pancratius, MM.
	g	iij	Ids		Seyth forȝeuenesse as of oure trespace.	385	

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xviij	A	ij	Ids		**Good** seyntes! make ȝe al oure soules hole	386	
vij	b	Idus.			A-ȝenst þe hyȝe fest as of **Pentecost,**		[15. Whitsun-day.]
	c	xvij	Kls		Þat we ben cladde in a snow-whyȝt stole		
xv	d	xvj	Kls		Thorgh þe vertue of þe holy goost.		
iiij	e	xv	Kls		He us comfort, þat is of myghtes moost,	390	
	f	xiiij	Kls		With þe holy prayers of seynt **Dunston,**		19. Depositio Dunstani.
xij	g	xiij	Kls		For with-out hym forsoth wytte haue we noon.	392	

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j	A	xij	Kls		**God,** þat is but one in *per*sones thre,	393	
	b	xj	Kls		Holy **Trynyte,** with-oute begynnyng,		[22. Trinity Sunday.]
ix	c	x	Kls		Sende us such grace *þat* we saued may be		
	d	ix	Kls		When we shal passe at þis lyues endyng.		
xvij	e	viij	Kls		Helpe us, **Seynt Aldelme,** for oure amendyng,	397	25. Depositio Aldhelmi.
vj	f	vij	Kls		With þe feste of **corpus** *Christi*; and **Seynt Austyne,**		26. [Corpus Christi.] Augustinus, Anglorum Apost.
	g	vj	Kls		Which þat taught us, to his feyth enclyne.	399	

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xiiij	A	v	Kls		**O** þou blessid bysshop **Seynt German,**	400	28. Germanus, Ep. et C.
iij	b	iiij	Kls		I pray þe my petycyon fulfyl.		
	c	iij	Kls		I pray þe same as hertily as I can.		
xj	d	ij	Kls		Helpe us, gentil virgyn, **Seynt Petronyl!**		31. Petronilla, V.

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June.

* Iunius.

1. Nicomedes, M.		e	Kl		Also, **Seynt Nichomede**! I pray þy good wille.	404
2. Marcellinus et Petrus, MM.	xix	f	iiij	Ns	Teche me ȝoure daunce, **Marcellyne and petre**!	
	viij	g	iij	Ns	To whom I syng with þis sympul metre.	406

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	xvj	A	ij	Ns	I cry vn-to ȝow now, al on a rowe,	407
5. Bonifacius et socii.	v	b	Nonas.		In special to martyr **Boneface**	
		c	viij	Ids	With al þi felowes, both hyȝe and lowe,	
	xiij	d	vij		That ȝe gete to us repentaunce and space.	
8. Medardus et Gildardus.	ij	e	vj		**Medard and Gildard**, now where is ȝ*our* grace?	411
9. Translatio Edmundi, R. et M.		f	v	Ids	Prayeth for oure synnes, with [**Seynt Edmund**],	
	x	g	iiij		And aftur þis lyfe to haue þe secund.	413

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11. Barnabas, Apost.		A	iij	Ids	Now, blessid **Seynt Barnard**[1]! for us þou pray,	414
12. Basilides, M.	xviij	b	ij		With þe good **Batylde**[1], þe martyr and preste,	
	vij	c	Idus.		That we be cloþed al in ȝoure aray,	
		d	xviij	Kls	Where as he sitteth at his ryal feste.	
15. Vitus et Modestus.	xv	e	xvij		Kepe ȝoue, now I pray ȝoue, **Vite and Modeste**,	418
16. Ciricus et Iulitta, MM.	iiij	f	xvj	Kls	**Cyryce and Iulytte**, kepe us fro þe wulfe;	
17. Botulphus, Abbas.		g	xv		And lyght oure goost eclipsed, **Seynt Botulfe**.	420

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18. Marcus et Marcellianus.	xij	A	xiiij	Kls	Prayeth for us, **Marcellyan and Marke**,	421
19. Gervasius et Prothasius.	j	b	xiij		Wyth **Geruase and Prothase**, martyrs ylkone.	
20. Translatio Edwardi, R. et M.		c	xij		This world now, **Seynt Edward**! wexyth darke,	
	ix	d	xj		For oure ynward syght ys al-most a-gone.	
22. Albanus, Protomartyr Angliae.		e	x	Kls	Lede us, oure first martyr, **Seynt Albone**.	425
23. Etheldreda, V.	xvij	f	ix		**Etheldrede** of Ely, I pray now helpe me,	
24. Nativitas Iohannis Bapt.	vj	g	viij		Wyth **Seynt Iohn̄ Baptist** þe **natiuite**.	427

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		A	vij	Kls	Bryng us mydsomer of heuenly blys,	428
26. Iohannes et Paulus, MM.	xiiij	b	vj		I pray ȝow, martyrs both, **Paule and Iohn̄**;	
	iij	c	v		Wherof gladsom myrth we shal not mys,	
28. Leo.		d	iiij	Kls	For þat **Leo pope** endureth al one.	
29. Petrus et Paulus, Apost.	xj	e	iij		Now **Petre and Paule**, I trist ȝow vpon;	432
30. Commemoratio Pauli.		f	ij		And **Seynt Paule** þi **commemoracyon**.	

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* **Iulius.** *July.*

xix	g		Kl	Helpe us euer to oure saluacyon,	434		
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viij	A	vj	Ns	O ȝe martirs **Martynyan and Processe** !	435		2. Processus et Martinianus.
	b	v	Ns	Now al oure floures begynneth to fade ;			
xvj	c	iiij	Ns	In þis erth, **Martyn**, is but wrecchidnesse,			4. Translatio Martini.
v	d	iij	Ns	Syth þat **Adam**[1] put þer-on his spade.			
	e	ij	Ns	Now mercyful god, þat al þinges hath made,	439		
xiij	f	Nonas.		For þe translacyon of **Seynt Thomas**			7. Translatio Thomae, M.
ij	g	viij	Ids	Bryng us ones to his endeles solace.	441		
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	A	vij	Ids	Lo now, tyme passith of chyrry fayre ;	442		
x	b	vj		Therfor I pray ȝou þen, **Brethreñ seuyn**,			10. Septem Fratres Martyres.
	c	v		That I may be one of **Benet ys** heyre,			11. Translatio Benedicti, Abb.
xviij	d	iiij	Ids	Where ȝe ben yn **Relyques of heuyn**.			[12. Relic Sunday.]
vij	e	iij		Ientyl broþer Ihesu ! bryng us þer euyn :	446		
	f	ij		That were to me a gracyous fortune.			
xv	g	Idus		Now help þe holy bysshop **Swithune**.	448		15. Translatio Swithuni.
				(29)			
iiij	A	xvij	Kls	I mette a-while with blessid **Seynt Botulphe** :	449		[16. Four-weeks commemoration of St. Botulph.]
	b	xvj		Now, sacred **Seynt Kenelme** ! with þe I mete,			17. Kenelmus, R. et M.
xij	c	xv		Prayng þe with hert, þis **Seynt Arnulphe**,			18. Arnulphus, R. et M.
j	d	xiiij		Bryng me to þat mery daunsyng so swete.			[dancing.]
	e	xiij	Kls	A ! gentyl mayden, **O Seynt Margarete**,	453		20. Margareta, V. et M.
ix	f	xij		And noble **Praxede**, lete me bere ȝoure trayne,			21. Praxedes, V.
	g	xj		And ȝoure also, **Lady Magdalayne**.	455		22. Maria Magdalena.
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xvij	A	x	Kls	Seynt **Appollinare**, teche me ȝoure games.	456		23. Apollinaris, Ep. et M.
vj	b	ix		Make us, **Seynt Crystyn** ! heuenly lepars.			24. Christina, V. et M.
	c	viij		Lete us dispute with þe, good **Seynt James** ;			25. Iacobus, Ap.
xiiij	d	vij		Bryng us to **Seynt Anne** to oure versepars.			26. Anna, mater Mariae.
iij	e	vj	Kls	Make us to study, þe **seuen slepars** ;	460		27. Septem Dormientes.
	f	v		Lede us, **Seynt Sampson**, to þe hyȝe scoles,			28. Samson, Episc.
xj	g	iiij		For þedir, **Felyce** ! comen no foles.	462		29. Felix, M.
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xix	A	iij	Kls	O **Abdon and Sennen** ! I me redresse.	463		30. Abdon et Sennes, MM.
	b	ij		Good **Seynt German**, bring us to heuen blys.			31. Germanus, Ep. et C.

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August.

*** Augustus.**

1. Petrus ad Vincula (Lammas).	viij	c		Kl	The bondes of **Seynt petur of lammesse**	465
2. Stephanus, Papa et M.	xvj	d	iiij	Ns	Vnbynde us, blessid pope **Steven**!	
3. Inventio Stephani, Diaconi et Protomartyris.	v	e	iij	Ns	And, sacred **Stephen deken**,	467
		f	ij	Ns	Help with þi merytes many afolde,	
5. Oswaldus, R. et M.	xiij	g	Nonas.		With þis kyng and martir **Seynt Oswolde**.	469

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6. Sixtus, P. et M.	ij	A	viij	Ids	**Seynt Sixte** þe pope, for goddes loue and sake,	470
7. Donatus, Ep. et M.		b	vij		With **Donate** Bysshop, do þi diligence.	
8. Cyriacus, M.	x	c	vj		And with þi felowes, **Seynt Cyriake**,	
9. Romanus, M.		d	v	Ids	With **Seynt Romane**, helpe þou oure *con*science.	
10. Laurencius, M.	xviij	e	iiij		O þow worthy martir **Seynt Laurence**,	474
11. Tyburtius, M.	vij	f	iij	Ids	Pray for us now, with þis **Seynt Tyburce**:	
		g	ij		I hope now hit wil be neuer þe wurse.	476

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13. Hypolitus cum socis.	xv	A	Idus.		**Seynt ypolyte**, here my peticyon,	477
14. Eusebius, Presb.	iiij	b	xix	Kls	With **Seynt Euseby**, the holy confessour.	
15. Assumptio B. V. M.		c	xviij		Now, lady! for þyne hyȝe **Assumpcyon**,	
	xij	d	xvij		ȝeue us þi hande, and þi holy socour,	
	j	e	xvj	Kls	That we nowe mowe styȝe in-to þi hyȝe toure,	481
18. Magnus [ought to be 19].		f	xv		Where þat glorious **Seynt Magne** is *with* þe.	
19. Quinta dies infra Octavas Assumptionis.	ix	g	xiiij		Lady **in octavis**, only socour me.	483

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[valentine.]		A	xiij	Kls	To my valentyne, lady! I chese þe,	484
	xvij	b	xij		Whom þat I wyl chau*n*ge neuer for no newe.	
22. Timotheus, Ep. et C.	vj	c	xj		Now pray for me, halowed **Seynt tymothe**,	
		d	x		To my lady þat I euer be trewe.	
24. Bartholomaeus, Ap.	xiiij	e	ix	Kls	Help me nowe I pray þe, **Seynt Bartilmewe**,	488
	iij	f	viij		So worthy apostil as þow art one,	
		g	vij		For better helpe þan prayer can I none.	490

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27. Ruphus, M.	xj	A	vj	Kls	Helpe us, **Seynt Ruphe**, þe martir of crist;	491
28. Augustinus, Ep. et Doctor.	xix	b	v		And **Seynt Austyn**, þe worthy hyȝe doctour,	
29. Decollatio Ioh. Bapt.		c	iiij		With **Decollacyon of Seynt Iohn̄ Baptyst**:	
30. Felix, M.	viij	d	iij	Kls	**Seynt Felice**! pray Ih*es*u *chr*yst, oure saviour,	
31. Cuthberga, V.		e	ij		With blessyd **Seynt Cuthburge**, *þat* virgyn flour,	495

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xvj	f		Kl	So þat we may daūnse with holy **Seynt Gyle**,	496	1. Aegidius.
v	g	iiij	Ns	In heuen an hyȝe aftir þis litul whyle.	497	
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	A	iij	Ns	Al þis world ys ful of care and pyne:	498	
xiij	b	ij	Ns	Now pray for us, holy bysshop̄ **Seynt Cuthbert**,		4. Translatio Cuthberti.
ij	c	Nonas.		With þe holy Abbot **Seynt Bertyne**,		5. Bertinus, Abbas.
	d	viij	Ids	That we may now gracyously astert.		
x	e	vij		ȝitte I pray to þe, with al myne hert,	502	
	f	vj	Ids	Lady! for þi ioyful **Natyuyte**,		8. Nativitas B. V. M.
xviij	g	v		That, with **Seynt Gorgone**, þow þenke on me.	504	9. Gorgonius, M.
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vij	A	iiij	Ids	Souerayn lady! þyne **Vtas** we done holde	505	10. Tertia dies infra Octavas Nat. B. V. M.
	b	iij		**With Prothe and Iacincte**, A commemoracyon.		11. Prothus et Hyacinthus, MM.
xv	c	ij		Muche grace of the, lady! haue I herde tolde:		
iiij	d	Idus.		Now helpe, lady! in oure temptacyon.		
	e	xviij	Kls	For þy holy **Crosse Exaltacyon**,	509	14. Exaltacio Crucis.
xij	f	xvij		Pray for us now, martyr, atte oure moost nede,		[15. Nicomedes, M.]
j	g	xvj		With virgyn **Edythe**, for þe bettyr spede.	511	16. Editha, V.
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	A	xv	Kls	Now, þow bysshop̄ and martyr, **Seynt lambert**!	512	17. Lambertus, Ep. et M.
ix	b	xiiij		Pray here for us al to swete Ihesu Crist		
	c	xiij		That he pourge and clense oure soules and hert		
xvij	d	xij	Kls	Fro al wikked, synful, and derkely myst.		
vj	e	xj		Help us, **Seynt Mathew** þe eu*au*ngelist,	516	21. Matthaeus, Ap. et Evang.
	f	x		And al þi felowes of **Seynt Mauryce**,		22. Mauricius, M., et socii.
xiiij	g	ix		With þe virgyn **Tecle**, to take a spyce.	518	23. Tecla, V.
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iij	A	viij	Kls	That heuenly spyce hit is ful swete:	519	
	b	vij		Help us þerof, good bysshop̄ **Fermyne**.		25. Firminus, Ep. et M.
xj	c	vj		Sacred **Cipriane**, ȝif hit wold be gete,		26. Cyprianus.
xix	d	v	Kls	With **Cosme and damiane** wold I dyne.		27. Cosmas et Damianus, MM.
	e	iiij		Lede us þederward, as ryght as a lyne,	523	
viij	f	iij		**Seynt Myghel**! To þat heuenly kyngdome,		29. Michael.
	g	ij		Helpyng þe holy doctour **Seynt Ierome**.	525	30. Hieronymus, Presb.

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1. Remigius, Ep.	xvj	A		Kl		Now, holy **Seynt Remyge** ! with al angeles,	526
2. Leodogarius, Ep. et M.	v	b	vj	Ns		Thorgh þe prayer of **Seynt Leodegare**,	
	xiij	c	v	Ns		Bringe us now from al wrecchidnesse,	
	ij	d	iiij	Ns		Beyng ful of synne, wrecchid sorow, and care.	
		e	iij	Ns		I wyl not loue þis world; I wil be wel ware:	530
	x	f	ij	Ns		For me hit is tyme as to leue þat warke,	
7. Marcus, P.; Marcellus, M.		g	Nonas.			By help of ȝow, martirs, **Marcelle and Marke**!	532

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	xviij	A	viij	Ids		I wyl be as stedfast as any stone.	533
9. Dionysius, Rusticus, et Eleutherius, MM.	vij	b	vij	Ids		Helpe, with þi felowes, **Seynt Dyonyse**,	
10. Gereon, M.		c	vj	Ids		So þat I may dwelle with **Seynt Gerone**,	
11. Nicasius, Ep. et M.	xv	d	v	Ids		And with **Seynt Nichase**, in hyȝe paradyse;	
	iiij	e	iiij	Ids		For of þis lyfe I sette ful litul pryce.	537
13. Translatio Edwardi, R. et Conf.		f	iij	Ids		I pray þe, **Seynt Edward**, confessour and kyng,	
14. Calixtus, P. et M.	xij	g	ij	Ids		That I may with **Kalyxte** both hoppe and syng.	539

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15. Wulfran, Ep.	j	A	Idus.			Teche me þe way, glorious **Seynt Wolfran** !	540
16. Michael in Monte Tumba.		b	xvij	Kls[1]		To **Myghel in þe mount** wold I ryde:	
	ix	c	xvj	Kls[1]		Flessh is my hors, sowle ys þe man.	
18. Lucas, Evang.		d	xv	Kls[1]		I pray þe, **Seynt Luke** ! for to be my gyde.	
19. Fredeswitha, V.	xvij	e	xiiij	Kls[1]		Helpe me, Ientyl virgyn, **Seynt Fryswyde**,	544
	vj	f	xiij	Kls[1]		One of þe floures here of Englond,	
21. Undecim Millia Virgines.		g	xij	Kls[1]		With al holy virgyns **Eleuen þowsond**.	546

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	xiiij	A	xj	Kls		That was a present made, al in a day,	547
23. Romanus, Archiep.	iij	b	x	Kls		Ful worthy to god, **Seynt Romaman**.	
		c	ix	Kls		Hys floures, in october as wel as I[n] may,	
25. Crispinus et Crispinianus.	xj	d	viij	Kls		God gaderyth, **Seynt Cryspyn and Cryspynian**.	
	xix	e	vij	Kls		Some of þem fadeth and wexith al wan.	551
		f	vj	Kls		Why ? for her maners be so lewde and rude,	
28. Simon et Iudas, Apost.	viij	g	v	Kls		But prayeth for us now, **Symon and Iude**.	553

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[valentine.]		A	iiij	Kls		I chese al seyntes to my valentyne;	554
	xvj	b	iij	Kls		Trewly I hold hit ryght as for þe beste.	
31. Quintinus, M.	v	c	ij	Kls		Teche us for to Dounse, blessid **Seynt Quyntyne**.	

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* **Nouember.** *November.*

	d		Kl	With **Al halowen**, in þis moost hyȝe feste,	557		1. Festum Omnium Sanctorum.
xiij	e	iiij	Ns	Al **Cristen sowles** God ȝeue þem good reste	558		2. Commemoratio Animarum.
ij	f	iij	Ns	A-bydyng hys mercy in purgatory,			
	g	ij	Ns	Suffryng for her synnes peynes bitturly.	560		

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x	A	Nonas.		Lord Ihesu *Christ*! þo peynes ben ful scharpe,	561		
	b	viij	Ids	Now, **Seynt leonard**, Helpe us þerfore;			6. Leonardus, Abbas
xviij	c	vij		Make þem easy with þy moste dowcet harpe:			
vij	d	vj		And þe **Foure crowned** I pray ȝow eu*er*more,			8. Quatuor Coronat Martyres.
	e	v		Helpyng with þy sawtry, **Seynt Theodore**!	565		9. Theodorus, M.
xv	f	iiij	Ids	That hit may aswage some-what oure grete peyne,			
iiij	g	iij		With þe prayers of holy **Seynt Martyne**.	567		11. Martinus, Ep. et C.

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	A	ij	Ids	For þis holy daunce, mynstralcy ys goode:	568		
xij	b	Idus.		Now, **Seynt Bruce**! helpe w*ith* þy sownded lute.			13. Briclus, Ep. et C
j	c	xviij	Kls	That cryste wassh me with his p*rec*yous blode,			
	d	xvij		Pray for us now al, sacred **Seynt Machute**!			15. Machutus, Ep. et C.
ix	e	xvj		**Edmunde** of Pounteney, now in ȝoure sute	572		16. Edmundus, Archiepiscopus.
	f	xv	Kls	I wold þat I were, with sacred **Seynt Hewe**,			17. Hugo, Ep. et Conf.
xvij	g	xiiij		Wheþer hit were coloure whyte, rede, or blewe,	574		

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vj	A	xiij	Kls	I wold be cloþed in cristemasse lyueray:	575		
	b	xij		Helpe me þer-to, holy **Edmund þe kyng**.			20. Edmundus, R.
xiiij	c	xj		Of al þat huge feste þere ys but a day,			
iij	d	x		Where þat **Seynt Cecily** ys euer beyng,			22. Cecilia, V. et M
	e	ix	Kls	And þere **Seynt Clement** ys euer endurynge.	579		23. Clemens, P. et M
xj	f	viij		Bring me þere, **Crysogone**, with my valentyne,			24. Chrysogonus, M
xix	g	vij		So þat I may daunse with **Seynt Kateryne**.	581		25. Katherina, V. et M.

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	A	vj	Kls	ȝeue me þy blessid hond, **Seynt Lyne** þe pope,	582		26. Linus, P. et M.
viij	b	v		Wold god I cowth þy steppes wel to sewe!			
	c	iiij		Helpe me to daunse in þy halowed cope,			
xvj	d	iij	Kls	With **Seynt Saturne**, þe martyr ful trewe.			29. Saturninus.
v	e	ij		Pray for us þen, Apostel **Seynt Andrewe**,	586		30. Andreas, Ap.

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* December.

[1. Advent.]	xiij	f		Kl	As a-ȝenst oure lordes **Secund aduent**	587
	[ij]	g	iiij	Ns	So at domes day þat we be not shent.	588

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		A	iij	Ns	**A**! lord Ihesu *Christ*! to þe now I cry,	589
	x	b	ij	Ns	Whome þis þat we we[1] offende *with* synnes, Alas!	
		c	Nonas.		Lord! haue mercy, for þy moder mary,	
Nicolaus, Abbas.	xviij	d	viij	Ids	And also for þe loue of **Seynt Nicholas.**	
	vij	e	vij		As truly, lord! as she þy moder was	593
Conceptio B.V.M.		f	vj	Ids	Kepte from fylthed in her **Concepcyon,**	
	xv	g	v		Wassh us from synne with þy swete passyon.	595

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	iiij	A	iiij	Ids	Saue, lord! þy blessid spowse, holy church,	596
		b	iij		From erroures and heresyes þat doon sprynge;	
	xij	c	ij		And tech with feyth truly for to wurch,	
Lucia, V. et M.	j	d	Idus.		With deuoute **Seynt Lucy**, þyn own derlynge.	
		e	xix	Kls	Graunt us þyne hert as for to ioye and syng,	600
	ix	f	xviij		With al oþer seyntes in þy presence,	
O Sapientia!		g	xvij		Thy worthy so grete song, **O sapience.**	602

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	xvij	A	xvj	Kls	Kepe al þy peple which þat ben on lyue,	603
	vj	b	xv		Them especyal þat I haue of mynd,	
		c	xiiij		And al good sowles *þat* with þy woundes fyue	
	xiiij	d	xiij	Kls	Whoom hit pleasith þe from peynes vnbynde.	
Thomas, Ap.	iij	e	xij		Graunt us for to be with **Thomas of ynde.**	607
		f	xj		A curyous caral þis Crystemasse	
	xj	g	x		As to synge nowel when þat we hens passe.	609

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	xix	A	ix	Kls	Lo! now ys come þe moost glorious feste,	610
Nativitas Domini.		b	viij		**The holy Natyuyte of oure lorde.**	
Stephanus, Protomartyr.	viij	c	vij		Goode **Stephen**, make us al, moste and leste,	
Iohannes, Ap. et Evang.		d	vj	Kls	With **Seynt Iohn**, in vertues to acorde	
Innocentes, MM.	xvj	e	v		That we may sitte at **Innocentes borde,**	614
Thomas, Archiep. et M.	v	f	iiij		With **Thomas of Caunturbury**, oure frende.	
		g	iij	Kls	Now saue us, fader! *with*, oure flessh, þy worde,	616
Silvester, P. et Conf.	xiij	A	ij		For **Seynt Siluester** loue, at oure laste ende.	

[1] Misreading, for 'Whome 'tis that we offend.'

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[1.][1] * The[2] prologe of the englyssh register.

Prologue, about 1460.

THE wyseman tawht hys chyld gladly to rede bokys, and hem well vndurstonde; for, in defaute of vndyrstondyng, is ofttymes causyd neclygence, hurte, harme, and hynderaunce, as experyence prevyth in many a place. And, for as muche as women of relygyone, in redynge bokys of latyn, byn excusyd of grete vndurstondyng, where it is not her modyr tonge; Therfore, how be hyt that they wolde rede her bokys of remembraunce and of her munymentys wryte in latyn, for defaute of undurstondyng they toke ofte tymes grete hurt and hyndraunce; and, what for defaute of trewe lernyd men that all tymes be not redy hem to teche and counsayl, and feere also & drede to shewe her euydence opynly (that oftyntyme hath causyd repentaunce), Hyt wer ryht necessary, as hyt semyth to the undyrstondyng of suche relygyous women, that they myght haue, out of her latyn bokys, sum wrytynge in her modyr tonge, where-by they myht haue bettyr knowlyge of her munymentys, and more clerely yeue informacyon to her seruauntys, rent gedurarys, and receyuowrs, in the absent of her lernyd councell. Wher-fore, a pore brod*ur* and welwyller [. . . [3]] to the goode Abbas of Godstowe, Dame Alice henley, and to all hyr couent, the whych byn for the more p*ar*ty in englyssh bokys well y-lernyd, hertyly desyryng the worshyp, profyt, and welfare of that deuoute place, that, for lak of vndurstondyng her muny[*men*]tys, sholde in no damage of her lyflod her aftur fallyn, In the worship of our lady and seynt John Baptist, patron of thys seyd monastery, the sentence for the more p*ar*tye of her munymentys

Reading begets understanding, and understanding begets carefulness and safety.

Nuns can't read Latin readily, and yet the documents necessary for proper management of their estates are in Latin.

Godstow nuns are well-read in English. To help them with their estates, a well-wisher has made their Latin

[1] This and other running numbers are added for cross-reference. They extend to No. 903.

[2] The 'Prologe' and 'Cronicle' have been printed from this MS. in Dugdale's *Monasticon* (edit. 1846), iv. 369, but with the pronoun forms 'her,' 'hem,' altered to 'ther,' 'them.'

[3] Gap left in MS. for insertion of the translator's name.

Register into English, giving the sense of it page by page: Alice Henley, being Abbess.

conteynyd in the boke of her regystr̃ in latyn, aftyr the same forme and ordyr of the seyd boke, hath purposyd w*ith* goddys grace to make, aftur hys conceyt, fro latyn in-to englyssh, se*n*tencyosly, as foloweth thys symple translacion. 4

Story of the foundation, which took place about 1130.

[2.] The cronicle[1] Of the hows and Monasteri of Godstow makyth mensyon how that place wace fowndyde fyrst by reuelacyon in thys wyse in wynchestre.

Edyve of Winchester,

In wynchest*er* was a lady bore of the worthyest blood of thys reme; dame Edyfe was she callyd; hyr fadyr and modyr had no mo chyldyr, but her onely; and for that, she was more lovyd and cherysshed. She was fayre and comly, and well̃ was 8

a lady dear to God, widow of Sir William Lancelyne,

w*ith* the kyng almyhty; and syth was maryd to a knyht, syr will*iam* lavncelne[2]. By the grace of god they had thre chyldre to-gedyr, that muche were fayre and euinaunt[3], oon[4] sonne and too dowhtyrs: the sonne was Abbot of Abendon. 12

Now of the lady y shal yow sey, in whych man*er* and in whych wyse she lyuyd in goddys seruise. Aftyr the decese of her

obeyed the warning of a vision,

housbond, ofte to her come by a vysyon that she shulde goo nye to the Cyte that Oxenford̃ was I-callyd, and there she shold 16 a-byde anone to þe tyme she se a tokyn of the kyng allmyhty, how and what wyse she shold byeld a place to god*es* seruise.

and came to Binsey near Oxford.

To bynsey is thys lady come, as in a vysion her was sent in her orisou*ns*; there she dwellyd and muche holy lyfe she ledde. 20

Here, a voice bade her build a nunnery where she should see light from heaven falling upon earth. Henry I helping,

One voyce in a nyht she herd, the whych to her̃ seyd what she shold do:—"Edyue[5], Edyue, ryse the up, and, w*ith*-oute abydy*ng*, go ye there where the lyht of heuyn a-lyhtyth to the erthe from the firmament, and there ordeyne ye Mynchyns to 24 the seruise of god, xxiiij. of the moost gentylwome*n* that ye can fynde." And thus was furst thys abbey founded. Now syth is thys lady Edyue to the kynge, henry the fyrst, I-goo; and all̃ him hath shewyd what god in a vysyon her had sende. Whanne 28

[1] The Chronicle is in French.

[2] 'Wylleam Launcelene' in the Exchequer MS.

[3] 'Mult estoint beauz e[t] avenaunz,' ibid.

[4] 'Un fiz jeanoit, que de eux fu ne, a Abindone estoit puz abbe.' This seems to add a John to the list of abbots of Abingdon, probably between Ingulph (died 1158) and Roger (abbot 1175–84).

[5] 'Ediz,' fet il, 'sus levez et saunz demorance yalez au lu ou lumer desent au tere du firmament,' ibid.

the kyng*e* had herd all̃ that she say wolde, by-twene he*m* they hathe I-co*m*mund[1] how and what wyse they myht bryng*e* thys good dede to an ende. And so be they besy in goddys seruise how they myht best bylde a chyrch in the worshyp of god, and of our lady, and seynt John̄ Baptist. Now is thys lady, dame * Edyue, the Abbas in her chyrche, and xxiiij. ladys w*ith* her. Of hyr too dowhtyrs, the eldeste, Dame E*m*me was her name, the p*ri*oras of thys hows; and Dame Hauis, the secu*n*de dowhtyr, the secu*n*de prioras so longe as she lyuyd. Now byn they to god co*m*mendyd, that was of þe modyr bor, that for us synners wolde fowchesafe to dye. He us graunt, yf hym plesyde, to hys Joy to come. Amen.

Godstow nunnery was built for 24 nuns, * leaf I or 13, back. Edyve, foundress and first abbess.

[Note.—In the Latin copy (Exchequer MS., at top of first page of table of contents) is a notice of the foundress which the translator has omitted:—'Tempore regis Henrici primi locus iste cepit esse domus Dei in vigilia paschae per bone memorie dominam Edivam Lancelene, primam abbatissam, que domum istam rexit L. et unum annos et in senectute bona obiit in domino.']

[3.] The chartur of syr John̄ synt Iohn̄ of the londe of Godestowe.

About 1135.

The[2] sentence of thys dede is, how John̄ of synt John̄ hathe grauntyd and yeue to Edyue, fyrst Abbas of Godstowe, to all̃ the Mynchyns of hyr co*n*gregac*i*on, and to all̃ hyr successours, the lande I-callyd Godstow and all̃ thynge p*er*teynyng ther-to, to-hole[3] and quietly, in perpetual̃ almus, for hys fadyr and modyr soule and for the soulis of the antecessours that the seyd lande fyrst gate and purchasyd, þ*a*t, aftyr the dethe of the forseyde Ediue, sholde non odyr gou*er*ner ne Abbas be take or chose but of the same co*n*gregac*i*on in the same plase. Thys wytnessyth Alysau*n*der, of lyncolne bysshop, and many odyr; and thys was confyrmyd a-fore the bysshop of Salysbury in the tyme of herry the fyrst, kyng*e* of ynglond̃.

Grant to Godstow, by John of St. John, of the island called 'Godstow,'

with proviso that the nuns should elect their own abbess at each vacancy.

[Note.—Among the witnesses are Alexander, bishop of Lincoln (1123–47), and the second Robert D'Oylly (died 1142). Roger, bishop of Salisbury (1102–39), was regent for Henry I (1100–35).]

[1] Mis-read 'they hathen and commaund how,' in Dugd. *Monast.*

[2] The Latin is printed in *Monast.* iv. 363.

[3] 'solidè' in the Latin.

Consecration, 113§.

[4.] The[1] dedycacion of the churche of Godestowe by Alysaunder bysshop of lincolne.

Consecration of Godstow by Alexander, bishop of Lincoln,

built by Edyve with her own money,

in presence of King Stephen and his queen.

Recital of early benefactions, including (not mentioned in separate deeds) gifts by the following:— * leaf II or 14.

Matilda of Boulogne, queen consort; prince Eustace; archbishop Theobald;

[St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester.]

Herebert, Abbot of Westminster; Ingulph, abbot of Abingdon;

John of St. John, in Wolvercote;

THE sentence of thys lett*er* testimonial makyth mension that Alexander, busshop of lincolne, dedified[2] and halowed the chyrche of Godstowe the ye*r* of ou*r* lord a*nno* M°. C. xxxviij., the fowrthe yer of the reygne of kynge Stephy*n*, the tyme of Edyue Abbas, that noble modyr, that[3] w*ith* hyr propur labour costys and almys edified the sayd churche in the honour of oure lady and seynt Iohn̄ Baptist fro the fyrst ston, beynge p*re*sent the seyd kynge Stephy*n* and hys quene Matild, w*ith* mony erels, barons, lordys, & busshoppys in the seyd lettyr rehersyd.

Also it makyth mension of the grete yftys that the seyd lordys indowyd the seyde churche. The kynge grawntyd, of hys p*ro*pur lorshyp, C. s*hillings* valour in land in the * stret callyd walton; Also Matild the quene, x. mark worth lande; Also Ewstachi*us* he*r* son, yerly C. s*hillings* in money, vn-to the tyme that he myht purchas so moche land & valour; Also Theobald, busshop of Cawntyrbury in lifelode, C. s*hillings*; Also the seyd alisawnd*er*, busshop of linc*olne*, of the tol of Banbury ȝerly C. s*hillings*; Also Robert, busshop of exet*ur*, yerly xl. s*hillings*, viz. xx. s*hillings* in a pension of seynt Mari chyrch of Glowcetur I-callid the Crist, & xx. s*hillings* in a pension of the churche of farindon in hampton-shyre; Also Rog*er*, busshop of Salisbury, a mylle I-callyd boye-mille w*ith* the lande that lyeth ther-to; Also the Abbot of Westmynst*er*, yerly lx. s*hillings*; Also Ingulf, the Abbot of Abendon, lx. s*hillings*; Also John̄ of sey*n*t John̄, a mille of iiij ꝑj. of rent in wlgarcote, & the mansions of ij men w*ith* the pertinence, & a p*ar*cel of land a-fore the yate of the forseyd chyrch in the yland that lyeth bytwene ij. wat*er*s, & half

[1] Printed in Dugd. *Monast.* (1846) iv. 369–70, and the Latin, ibid. iv. 362–3.

[2] In all these deeds the Exchequer MS. (Latin) has the first person, and is therefore much clearer. Here the English version is very brief. There is no word exactly corresponding to this: the nearest phrase being 'misterium dedicationis.'

[3] The Latin gives more prominence to the co-operation of benefactors contemporary with the foundress: 'loci illius ecclesiam proprio sumptu et labore collatisque fidelium elemosinis . . . a primo lapide prudenter edificavit.'

the medew that is callid lambey; Also of Robert of olley, that odyr half of the seyd mede of lambei, and a busshel of whete euery yer; Also Mile of Glovcester, constable, xx. *shillings* 4 worth; Also the Citteseyns & burges of Oxenford, the land in pormeneit[1] that segrim held[2]; Also Rob*er*t, erel of leycest*er* & hys wyf Amice, Countesse, lx. *shillings* in land in hals; Also Hugo of tywe, ix. *shillings* in Oxenford; Also Seuar*us*, in the 8 same town, vij. *shillings*; Also[3], at london, in est chepe, ix. *shillings*; Also Rog*er* of almeryk, xxv. acris erable eu*er*y yere in Blechyndon and[4] as mony to warenyd; Also Galtere of pery, a yerd lond & v. acris in the same town; Also Reynold 12 of seynt walery, heryngysh*a*m, & boieh*a*m, & the fysshynge were w*ith* the p*er*tynance, & al the yland betwene to briggis[5]; Also Edwyn[6] the son of Godgose, the churche of seynt Gylys w*ith*-out Oxenford, and on that othyr p*ar*ty of the same town, toward 16 Abendon, xviij *shillings*; Also Robert of Wyhth*a*m, the p*ar*te of the mede be-sydes the seyd churche of Godstow; Also Raph, Rog*er*s son, v. *shillings* in Shyptonne; Also Nich*olas* Basset, j hyde of londe at risendynne; Also simon of wahelle, half the 20 churche of pattyshul w*ith* the p*er*tenence; Also the seyd kynge Steph*y*n hathe I-graunted[7] them the feyre of iij days in the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist; Also Galtere, archydiacon of Oxenford, the tythe of hys lorshyp of Cudeslaue.

Milo of Gloucester; Oxford city; [Halso, by Brackley.] Seuar, of Oxford. [same town = Bletchingdon.]

24 Alle these yftys a-boue I-sayd the lord busshop & pope's legate Alberic*us*, that tyme in Engelond, by the popis auctorite hathe halouid & annexit to the seyd churche of Godstowe.

Confirmation by the pope's legate [Albericus, bishop of Ostia, 1138–48],

28 And all these yftys kynge Steph*y*n by the p*ri*uilege of hys regal power hape strenghyd & co*n*fermid.

by king Stephen,

[1] The Latin has, more correctly, 'Portman eit.'

[2] In Stephen's confirmation, no. 872, summarized in the English version, the Latin (printed in *Monast.* iv. 363) adds here the clause:—'and of the gift of Ralph, the chancellor of the queen, a marc of silver until he get land' (to that value).

[3] In Stephen's confirmation, the Latin puts Senarus' gift at iii*s*., and the East-cheap land at xi*s*.

[4] The Latin is: 'xxv. acras unoquoque anno ad seminandum in Blechesdona et totidem ad ware[c]tandum,' i. e. fifty acres in the common fields, one half to be under crop, and one half to be in fallow.

[5] The Latin adds: 'et supradicta quae Iohannes de sancto Honore dedit in dedicatione memoratae ecclesiae.' Here 'Honore' is a slip for 'Iohanne.' The clause is a confirmation of John of St. John's gift (p. 27) by Reginald of St. Valerie, who (as Rev. H. Salter informs me) held from 1154 to 1166 the properties formerly held by John of St. John.

[6] Latin 'Elwinus.'

[7] A marginal note is added: '¶*For the feyere.*'

by the primate and his suffragans.

And all the seyd yftys the seyd busshop of Cavnt*ur*bury, w*ith* alle the hole company of busshoppys ther p*re*sent, by her holy busshoppys power & autorite co*n*fermyd, so all they, w*ith* on assent, on will, & on voyce, decreyd the sente*ns*[1] of cursynge to all hem that aft*ur* that tyme maliciously take a-wey, or lesse make[2], hurte, or in-to worsse chaunge[3], eny of the seyd yftys, or eny odur in tyme to come her-aftur i*n* augmentac*i*on p*ro*fit or dotac*i*on of the seyd church, w*ith*-out satisfaccion & dewe penaunce or he passyd.

Anathema against violators.

Grant of indulgence.

Fyrthyrmore the seyd legate, by the popis power, gafe grete p*er*don to all good doers & visitours or co*m*forters of the seyd place[4].

Confirmation by the mother church of Lincoln.

Thys wrytyn, vndur the sel of the busshop of lincoln, was co*n*fermid by the hole chaptyr of the churche of lincolne, amen.

[Note.—The translator strangely cuts short the indulgence. Its terms are (*Monast.* iv. 363) 'to the bestowers of the above benefits the legate Alberic, by apostolic authority, released one year of penances enjoined; and he granted 40 days indulgence in each year to all who with devout heart visited Godstow church die Prece virginis (Prisca V. = Jan. 18) or on Nativity of S. John Baptist (June 24).']

* leaf II or 14, back. About 1180.

[5.] *A graunt[5] I-made to the kynge by bernarde of seynt walery.

Grant to Henry II and his successors in the Crown, by the St. Valerie family,

of the patronage of Godstow abbey,

in order to make Godstow a royal foundation,

The sentence of thys dede is, how Bernard forsayd, w*ith* wyll & consent of hys wyf [Anor*id*] & of hys sons (Reg*inald*[6]) Bernard & Thomas, hathe yeue & graun*t*yd for euyr to kynge henry the secund the place of the abbey of Godstowe & all the lordshyp, right, & patronage, & the advoydans of the seyd abbasye[7] that I[8] haue hadde in the same house, fre & quite, for me & all myn eyrys, from all seruice & seculer exacc*i*one, to hym & hys successours, kyngys of ynglond, So that the

[1] In margin: '¶ þe curse agaynst alle mysdoers of this churche.'
[2] In Latin: 'minuere.'
[3] In Latin: 'in deterius mutare.'
[4] In margin: 'Se the pardon.'
[5] Printed in *Monast.* iv. 364.
[6] The MS. omits the wife's name, and adds 'Reginald,' who is not in the Exchequer MS.
[7] The Latin is: 'sedem abbatiae et totum dominium et ius advocationis eiusdem abbatiae.'
[8] The translator accidentally retains the first person of the Latin.

forseyd Abbey here aftur be had fre & in the chef crowne of the kynge, as[1] the Abbey of seynt Edmund & odyr real Abbeys[2] of Englonde, except only to hym[3] & to hys eyrys the
4 preyours almys & suffragijs of the seyd Mynchyns. Also the hole maner of wolgarcote[4] with all hys pertenaunce hathe yeue & graunted to the seyd kynge, with the consent & the wyll of hys seyd wyf & hys eyrys, holdynge ferme & stable
8 what euyr he wolde do ther-with, & neuyr to haue more clayme, ne eny of hys eyrys, for euyr-more: and thys ys without date.

and also of the manor of Wolvercote, to be bestowed as Henry II pleased.

[Note.—About 1170–5 Godstow seems to have experienced some sense of insecurity; see the protections by Henry II, nos. 883–5. Rosamond Clifford's burial there (about 1176) perhaps commended the place to Henry II's larger patronage. The patronage, vested in the heirs of John of St. John (no. 3), had now come to his son-in-law, Bernard of St. Valerie (p. 29, n. 5). Accordingly, to permit of Godstow becoming a royal foundation, Bernard of St. Valerie, by a ceremonial act, transferred his rights in the abbey to the Crown. See Henry II's third charter, 1182, no. 892, which recites this transference.]

[6. * Presentation by Godstow to the conventual church.

* Lincoln records. 1533, Oct. 13. To John Longland, bishop of Lincoln (1521–47), Godstow presents

Reuerendo in christo patri et domino, domino Iohanni
12 permissione diuina Lincolniensi Episcopo, vestrove vicario in spiritualibus generali et officiali principali seu commissario cuicunque vestro, humiles et deuote in christo filie, margareta Tewxburye dei paciencia abbatissa domus siue monasterij beate
16 marie virginis et diui Iohannis baptiste de godstowe ordinis sancti benedicti et lincolniensis diocesis et eiusdem loci conventus, omnimodas obedientias et reuerentias tanto Reuerendo patri debitas cum honore. Ad Rectoriam ecclesie parrochialis de
20 Godstowe iuxta ecclesiam conventualem nostram predictam site et eidem annexe, iam legitime vacantem et ad nostram presentacionem pleno Iure spectantem, cum suis Iuribus et pertinenciis vniuersis dilectum nobis in christo magistrum matheum Smythe,
24 sacre theologie professorem, vestre Reuerende paternitati intuitu charitatis presentamus, humiliter et deuote supplicantes qua-

Matthew Smythe, D.D. (principal of

[1] In the margin is added: '¶the fredom as gret as of seynt Edmundisbury.'

[2] Latin is: 'libera et in capite coronae, sicut aliae regales abbatiae.'

[3] i.e. to Bernard of St. Valerie.

[4] 'Wolgariscote,' in the Latin.

Brasenose College, 1510–48), for institution to the rectory of Godstow.

*ten*us eund*em* magistru*m* matheu*m* ad ea*n*de*m* eccle*s*iam admittere velitis, eu*mque* in eadem canonice instituere, atq*ue* cura*m* ib*ide*m ta*m* secular*em* q*ua*m abbatisse et monialiu*m* ib*ide*m co*m*mittere, atq*ue* ips*u*m in reale*m* possessione*m* eiusd*em* eccle*s*ie fore introduce*ndum* *pro*nu*n*ciare (cu*m* suis Iuribus et p*er*tinen*ciis* vniu*ersis*, Rectori ib*ide*m ab antiquo debitis, et a nobis antea qualitercu*nque* co*n*cessis) dignemini graciose, Ceteraq*ue* pe*r*agere et facere que ve*st*ro in hac p*ar*te incu*m*bu*n*t officio pastorali. Datu*m* in domo no*st*ra capitulari sub sigillo no*st*ro co*mmun*i xiij° die me*n*sis octobris Anno d*omi*ni Mille*s*imo quingen*tesi*mo xxxiij°.

[Endorsed :] Oxon*ie*. xiii° (?) octobris An*no* d*omi*ni 1533° apud . . . personal*iter* fuit admissus, et rector institut*us* canon*ice* in eadem, etc. Iura*mentum* ca*nonice* ob*edientiae* [cepit] & *cetera*.]

[Note.—Extant drawings and measurements, old and modern, show that, immediately to the north of the convent, there stood a large church, fifty yards long by nineteen yards wide. The inmates of the convent had access to it by a private passage from their own buildings. Outsiders entered by a door, beside a large square western tower, outside of the conventual enclosure. The above deed, found by Mr. T. Austin among the Exchequer Gate Records at Lincoln, shows that this church served as the parish church for the district around Godstow. There is attached a broken seal, 2 inches high by 1½ inches wide, showing windows at the top and a doorway arch at the foot.]

GODSTOW ESTATES

BERKSHIRE

[BLEWBERRY: see also in North Moreton.]

[7.] * A Charter of Iohane, the doughtir of Iohn Tureuyle, confermynge ij. hydys of lond in Blebyry. * leaf 92. About 1265.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohane, the doughtir of Iohn Tureuyle, with the consent and the assent of her husbond[1], yaf and graunted & *cetera*, for the helpe of the soules of his fadirs and modirs and of all his auncetors and successors, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, ij. hydys of lond in blebyry, that is to sey, tho that they held of the priour and couent of Nimgun[2]; with the mese where they were wonyd to abide in the same towne; and with all other pertynentis and fredomes longyng to the same lond, in toftis in croftis, in wode and mede, in weyes and pathes, in londes I-telyd and not I-telyd: To be hold and to be had, frely and quyetly, worshipfully and in pease for euer, and that in the most fre and best wise as euer they held hit of the Monkis, yeldyng therof yerely xx. *shillings*, at Mighelmasse to the forsaid priour and monkis of Nimgun for all seruyce longyng to the same priour and Couent, sauyng the kyngis seruyce. And she and her heires warantized the forsaid lond with all his pertynentis aforseid to the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe ayenst all men and women, & *cetera*[3].

Grant to Godstow, by Joan Turvyle,

of two hides held of the convent of Nimgun, and a messuage,

subject to a pension of 20*s*. to Nimgun.

[1] The name 'Osbert Turpin' is given in the Latin copy.

[2] 'Nimgun' also in the Latin copy.

[3] Witnesses: William, Walerand, Hubert, Henry, chaplains of Godstow; Sir Ralph Harange; Reginald Basset.

CUMNOR

*leaf VI or 18, back. About 1190. Confirmation to Godstow, by Abingdon abbey, of an old grant of faggots every day. [Hugh, abbot, 1189–1221.]

[8.] * A charter of hug*e* Abbot of Abendon for iiij. burthyns of thornys.

THE sentence of thys chart*er* is, that Hug*e*, Abbot of Abendon, & all the Couent of the same place, w*ith* oone assent, yaf & grauntyd to the Mynchons of Godstow, for the loue of god, in-to pur & p*er*petual almys, fowre burdyns of thornys of her wood of Cumnore, to be hadde euyry day thorow the yere by the syht of her forester, as they haue be wonyd to haue in tyme here a-fore: & that they be not greuid, ne let by the gryef of any man, in any tyme, of these burduns of thornys to be hadde. The forseyde Abbot & his couent confermyd the same graunt w*ith* her wrytynge, & settynge to of her seeles: these beynge wytnes: & is w*ith*-out date.

[DUXFORD, on the Thames, in Longworth parish.]

[NOTE.—The probability is that the abbess and convent of Bertincourt in Normandy held the feudal superiority of this property, and that therefore the tenant, Henry of St. Valerie, could not impose a rent-charge on it without their permission. For this leave they imposed the problematical rent, that Godstow should acknowledge the overlordship of Bertincourt by payment of 12*d.* when the abbess of Godstow visited Bertincourt. Godstow seems afterwards to have accepted a smaller rent-charge in consideration of obtaining powers of distraint for arrears. The rent-charge does not occur either in Pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291, or at the dissolution in 1540.]

* leaf 150. About 1235.

[9.] * A Chart*er* of henry of seynt walerye, for the mylle of dudekesforde to the holy mynchons of Godestowe.

Grant to Godstow, by Henry of St. Valerie, of 12*s.* rent-charge on the mill,

subject to a casualty to Bertincourt

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that henry of seynt walerye yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther *ser*uyng god, for the helth of his soule and of his auncet*ours* and of his heires, xij. *shillings* of yerely rent of the mylle of dudekesford, w*ith* all encrese that myght come of the mylle, as hit is conteyned in the chart*er* that he made of the abbesse and covente of Bertancourte: To be had and to be hold, into fre and p*er*petuel almesse, by service that he ought to do to the said abbesse of Bertancourte, that is to sey, by xij.

[pence[1]] to be yelded at Bertancourte whan the abbesse of Godestowe were ther personally: these beyng witnes. abbey, Normandy.

[10.] A Charter of the abbesse of Bertoncourte for the mylle of Dudesforde, confermyng the yifte of henry of seynt Walerye, the which yaf and confermed hit to the abbesse and covent of Godestowe, of xij. *shillings* of yerely rente of the mylle of Dudekesforde. About 1235.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Margarete, by the grace
4 of god abbesse of Bertancourte, and all the Couent of the same place, graunted and confermed with ther charter, the yifte of Henry of seynt Walerye the whiche he made and confermed with his charter to the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of xij.
8 *shillings* of yerely rente in the mylle of dudekesforde, with encresyng and makyng more that may come of the forsaid mylle[2], as hit is conteyned in the charter that the said henry of seynt walerye had of them. Thise beyng witnesse, & *cetera.* Confirmation to Godstow, by Bertincourt abbey, of no. 9.

[11.] A-nother Charter of the same abbesse of Bertancourt, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for the mylle aforsaid. 1246, July.

12 THE sentence of this charter is, that Margarete, by the grace of god abbesse of Bertancourte, and the couent of the same place, ordeyned the abbesse of Godestowe to resceive of ther rente in Inglond, that is to sey, vpon xij. *shillings* yerely of the mylle of
16 dudekesford, with the pertynentis, the whiche * henry fitz henry fitz Symeon of Oxenford held of them. They graunted also to the said abbesse the same power that they had in that mylle, to distreyne the forsaid henry, and who-so-euer held *þat* mylle,
20 after the lawes and customes of the Reame of Englond, but he yelded the said rente to the same abbesse at the termes I-sette. And into witnesse of this thynge they made ther lettres Confirmation to Godstow, by Bertincourt abbey, of no. 9.

* leaf 150, back. apparently on a change of ownership of the mill, with grant of power of distraint.

[1] The Latin copy supplies the tenure: 'per duodecim denarios reddendos apud Bertincurt cum abbatissa de Godestowe ibidem personaliter fuerit, pro omni servitio.'

[2] This clause suggests that the sum of 12*s.* may have been fixed by way of tithe, and was to increase if the mill became more profitable.

patentis, for ever to dure to the forenamed abbesse, And that hit be levied to the same abbesse in euery courte as to them surely for them and vpon ther thyngis to be do. The date the yere of oure lord a M^l^. CCxlvj^ti^, in the moneth of Iule. 4

* leaf 150. 1246.

[12.] * A Charter of the Abbesse of Bertancourte, I-made to the abbesse of Godestowe, for xij. *shillings*, yerely.

Orders by Bertincourt abbey, to their tenant, Henry, son of Henry Simeon of Oxford, to pay 8 years' arrears of the rent-charge (as in no. 9), and to pay it duly in future, with confirmation to Godstow of power of distraint.

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Margarete, by the grace of god, abbesse of Bartancourte, and the Couent of the same place, comaunded to her welbeloued henry the sone of fitz henry, and bad that he sold lette not to yelde ther rente of the mylle 8 of dudekesford, that is to sey, xij. *shillings* yerely, to the abbesse of Godestowe that was for the tyme, *with* the arreragis of viij. yere, *without* ony agayn saiyng: they made the abbesse of Godestowe ther resceive of the said rente, yeldyng to the same 12 all her power to distreyne them and euery holder of the same mylle for the forsaid yerely rente, also ofte tyme as hit were nede, so moche therof makyng that they have no more vexacion by yow. Farewel: god kepe you. The date at Bertoncourte, 16 the yere of oure lord a thowsand, two hundred, fourty and Sixe.

* leaf 151. About 1255.

[13.] *A couenaunte bitwene dame Emme Bluet, abbesse of Godestow, and Henry Symeon for vj. *shillings* of yerely rente of the mylles of Dudekesforde.

Acknowledgement to Godstow, by Henry Simeon,

THE sentence of this couenaunte is, that there was a couenaunte I-made, bitwene dame Emme Bluet, abbesse of Gode- 20 stowe, and the couent of the same place of the one *part*ie, and henry Symeon of the other *part*ie, that is to sey, that the same henry Symeon knowleched hym-self and his heires or his assignes to be hold to the mynchons of Godestow and to ther 24 successours in vj. *shillings* of yerely rente, of the mylles of dudekesford *with* ther *per*tynentis, frely vtterly and quyetly for ever, that is to sey, at the fest of myghelmasse iij. *shillings* and at the natiuite[1] of our lady iij. *shillings*. And yf hit happened 28

of his obligation to pay 6s. quit-rent out of the mills,

[1] 'Nativity' of Mary is September 8. No doubt the term meant is 'Annunciation,' March 25.

that the same Henry Symeon or his assignes or his heires paied not at the *ter*mes afore-named the seid rente, hit shold be lawfull to the seid mynchons and to ther successours to distreyne and nyme, by ony certayn *se*ruant, in the said mylles or in ther p*er*tynentis, the said henry or his heires or his assignes, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to the said mynchons and to ther successours. And the said abbesse and mynchons of Godestow and ther successours shold acquyte and defende the forsaid henry and his heires or his assignes ayenst the abbesse and couente of Berhemcourte, and of the vj. *shillings* of yerely rente kepe them harmelesse. And that this afore couen*aun*t, & *cetera*.

with power of distraint.

[= Bertincourt.]

[14.] A l*ett*re of attorney to William Wurth and Roger Fynacourte, I-made of the abbesse of Godestowe, to aske the arreragis of the mylle of Dudekesforde.

1297, Nov. 12.

THE sentence of this l*ett*re attorney is, that Alice Gorges, abbesse of Godestowe, and the couente of the same place, made, ordeyned, and sette, their welbeloued in crist William Wurth and Roger Fynacourte, to axe and to take in ther name all the arreragis dew to them of the yerely rente of xij. *shillings* of the mylle of Dudekesford, the whiche ben behynde to them of xviij. yere and more, yevyng to theym or to the other of them power for the same, in the mylle aforsaid or in his p*er*tynentis wher-so-eu*er* they saw hit best to spede, to neme or to distreyne tille hit were fully I-satisfyed to them in ther name or them of the forsaid arreragis, also w*ith* the yerely rente in the *ter*mes afterward of þe forsaid mylle w*ith* his p*er*tynentis to be paid. Into witnesse of the which thynge, they made these her l*ett*res patent*es* to them. The date at Godestowe, the Tewesday next aftir the fest of seynt Martyn, the xxv. yere endyng of the reigne of kyng Edward.

Claim by Godstow, for 18 years' arrears of the rent-charge on the mill (as in no. 9).

[Martin = Nov. 11.]

[15.] *A Charter of Iohn at the Grove of Longeworth, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for x. *shillings* of yerely rente at Mighelmasse of the mylle of Dudekesford.

* leaf 150, back. 1298, April 24.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Iohn of the Grove of Longeworthe bound hym-self to the lady abbesse of Godestowe,

Acknowledgement to God-

stow, by John at grove, of obligation to pay 10*s.* rent-charge out of the mill,

and to the covent of þe same place, in x. s*hillings* of yerely rente yerely to be paid for eu*er* to the same in the same house of Godestowe at Mighelmasse of the mylle of dudekesforde. And to that paiyng of the forsaid rente, he bound hym-self, his heires and assignes, and all his londes and tenementis in longeworth, and in all other places, that, trewly and w*ith*out gile, to be do for eu*er*, to the same and to ther successours, yerely at the forsaid t*er*me x. s*hillings*, into whos-so-eu*er* handis they come, also w*ith* the mylle aforsaid, wat*er*s, fysshweres, and all other p*er*tynentis, to the constreynyng and distreynyng of þe forsaid abbesse, Couente, or ther baillifis, that they myght distreyne them and reteyne the distreynyngis tille the arreragis of the forsaid rente of x. *shillings*, yf ther were ony (that god forbede), also w*ith* the harmes and expensis, yf the forsaid abbesse and Couente susteyned ony by that occasion, they shold be fully I-paid. And yf hit happened the forsaid mylle, in ony case fallyng, to falle downe, to be cast downe, or vtt*er*ly to be distroyed, or to be brennyd, þ*at* (that notw*ith*stondyng) he shold be bounde, for hym and his heires, and also for all other holdyng aft*er*ward his londes and tenementis, to the forsaid abbesse and covente, in the forsaid x. s*hillings* of yerely rente for eu*er*, of the forsaid londis and tenementis, at the forsaid t*er*me eu*er*y yere fully to paye, as hit is aforsaid, by the forsaid distreynyng. And to more suerte of the same of the paiyng of the forsaid rente, as hit is I-seid before, to be do, he bounde hym-self and his heires to the distreynyng of ony man*er* Iuge of the chirch the which the forsaid abbesse and couente wolde chese, that they myght compelle them by the censure of the chirche to the forsaid paiyng, all excepcions I-put be-hynde. Into witnesse of this he put to his seale. The date at Godestowe, the thursday next aft*er* the fest of seynt George, the xxvj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kynge Henry.

[Fishery.]

and of Godstow's right of distraint over all his property,

even if the mill is destroyed by fire or otherwise.

[George = Apr. 23].

[Knighton, in Compton Beauchamp parish.]

[Note.—Early in the history of the convent, Godstow's interest in this parish was forgotten, and consequently erroneous readings have crept in at most mentions of it in the Registers, both Latin and English. A branch of the St. Valerie family possessed considerable lands here. About 1200 Wido of St. Valerie (possibly a younger brother of Bernard) gave Godstow a rent-charge (nos. 16, 17) of 6*s.* 8*d.* over these lands to endow an obital service for his father. About 1225 Wido's

son, Reginald, sold his Knighton property to St. Frideswyde's priory (Wigram's *Cartulary of St. Frideswide*, 1896, ii. 297–306). The Rev. H. Salter has shown me that Mr. Wigram, following Dugdale, has assigned the sale to the great Reginald (died 1166), whereas the conveyance is dated 'in die Translacionis B. Thome Martiris,' and cannot therefore be earlier than 1224. In 1286, in an exchange of rent-charges over each other's property, Godstow (no. 509) gave up this Knighton rent-charge to St. Frideswyde's priory. The service for the founder's father was provided for by transferring the obligation to Godstow property in North Oxford, where, at the dissolution in 1540, we find this 6*s.* 8*d.* still charged (*Monasticon*, iv. 370). When, some 150 years later, the compiler of the Latin Register transcribed the deeds about the obit, he could not make out the locality. He had recourse to two subterfuges. Two deeds (nos. 17 and 18), owing to the founder's name, he attached to St. Valerie donations elsewhere. A third (no. 16) he put into his unidentified set at the end, under *Cniscetuna* (for Cnigtetuna). In the general charters he has even wandered into *Cumberton.*]

[16.] *A Chart*er* of Wyde of Seynt Walerye for half a marke [in] Cniscetu*n*.

* leaf 151, back. About 1200. Grant to Godstow, by Wido of St. Valerie, of a rent-charge of 6*s.* 8*d.*

THE sentence of this charter is, that Wydo of seint Walerye, for his soule and for his fadir and modir and brother sowles, yaf and graunted half a marke, to god & *cetera* and to the holy
4 mynchons of Godestow there *se*ruyng god, in-to p*er*petuel almesse, in cniscetu*n* every yere in the anniu*er*sarye of his fadir aforsaid. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera.*

[17.] *A chartur of wydo of seynt walery of halfe a marke of sylu*er* I-gyfe to the couent of Godestowe.

* leaf II or 14, back. About 1200. Duplicate of preceding. * leaf III or 15. Obit for Wido's father, on Sept. 1.

THE sentence of thys dede is that Wydo of seint walery, by
8 the consent of hys wyfe Aubreche[1] and Reynald hys heyr, hath ȝyf & grau*n*tyd to the Mynchyns * of Godstowe, in p*er*petual almys, half a mark of syluyr euyry yere, to be take in the obit of hys fadur, at the fest of seynt Geyle, of the land that Gerard
12 hath hold: thys wytnesith Thomas, Chapeleyn of Godstowe, & many othyr w*ith*-in rehersyd; & is w*ith*-out date.

[18.] A chartur I-made by Reynolde fiȝt wydo.

About 1200. Confirmation to Godstow, by Reginald of St. Valerie, of no. 16.

THYS is a confirmacion of Reynold of seynt walery of the yft of Guido a-boue seyd, of the seyd halfe marc*e*, as it is a-boue
16 rehersyd in the next dede a-fore: theyes wytnes, & *cetera.* And is w*ith*-out date.

[1] 'Albredra' in Latin.

[LANGFORD: see Langford in Oxfordshire.]

[NORTH MORETON.]

[NOTE.—The Godstow lands in North Moreton were held by tenants on payment of quit-rents, which are returned at £5 6*s.* 8*d.* a year, both in 1291 in pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* and in 1540 at the dissolution (*Monast.* iv. 374–5).]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 92, back. About 1255.

[19. *Charter of Osbert Turpin and his wife Ioan of North Morton.

Grant to Godstow, by Osbert and Joan Turpin, of the mediety of

OSBERT and Ioan Turpin, for the welfare of themselves and for the souls of their ancestors and successors, gave to Godstow a mediety of all their holding in North Morton, viz. of 7 yardlands, 4 being in demesne[1], and 3 in villenage. 4

(*a*) 4 yardlands in demesne,

In demesne:—in Est felde 6 acres which are called Hangindelond on the east, and 14 acres against the ditch on the west, and in middel forlong 10 acres towards the north and 10 in Blakelond next the north. In West felde 22 acres, 8 viz. in Northlongelonde towards the north, and in Westlongelond 20 acres towards the north at the head of the same land with

(*b*) a croft,

a 'furrow.' And, in addition, half of the whole messuage which

(*c*) certain meadows,

is called Parthes[2] next the north and half of all the meadow 12 called Souene acre on the south and half of the meadow which is called Riscroft towards the north, and 3 acres of meadow in North meade. And 6*d.* of yearly rent at Michaelmas from Richard Turepin and his heirs. 16

(*d*) and three yardlands in villeinage:

In villeinage:—Iohn Suth, with all his land and all his sequela and their chattels; and Matilda, widow of Thomas Brun, and all her land and all her sequela and their chattels; and Alice, widow of Iohn of Withham, and all her land and all 20 her sequela and their chattels.

tenure = 1 lb. of cumin.

All this was given to Godstow in free alms, to be held by Godstow by 1 lb. of cumin at Michaelmas.

Witnesses:—Sir Henry Basset; Sir Philip of Sanderuill; 24 Sir William of Seuekesworth; Sir Henry of Baywerthe.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 92. About 1255.

[20. *Charter of Henry Basset of Northmorton.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry Basset, feudal

HENRY BASSET confirms to Godstow the gift by Osbert Turpin and his wife Joan of the mediety of their lands

[1] 'In dominicis,' 'in villenagiis.'

[2] 'Parc' in no. 21.

belonging to his fee of Northmorton. For this confirmation Godstow gave him 9 marks of silver.

superior of no. 19.

Purchase money, £6.

Witnesses:—Sir William of Wyldesor; Sir Philip of
4 Sanderuill; Sir Henry of Baywerth; 'Sir' Nicholas, then steward of Abingdon; Peter Torold[1] of Oxford; Richard Threstwald of Dunsingeton.]

[21. *Charter of William son of Iohn of Northmorton.

*Exchequer MS. leaf 93, back. About 1255.

Said William for the health of his soul and of the
8 souls of his heirs and ancestors, confirmed to godstow the gift of Osbert Turpin and Ioan of Blebiri, viz. of half of the croft called parc and of half]* of[2] the vij. yerdis of lond' *with* ther *per*tynentis in northmorton: To
12 be had' and to be hold', to the said' mynchons and to ther successours, into fre and *per*petuell almesse, after as the chart*er* of the said' Osbert and of Iohane his wyf the which they made therof shewith and witnessith. And for
16 this graunte and confirmacion of this chart*er*, the forsaid' mynchons yaf to hym I [half[3]] mark of silu*er*. And that this his graunte shold' be sure, & *cetera*[4].

Confirmation to Godstow, by William, son of John, perhaps heir of the donor, of no. 19.

* Rawl. MS. leaf 92.

Purchase money, 6*s.* 8*d.*

[22. *Charter[5] of Ioan of Blebiri, formerly wife of Osbert Turpin of Northmorton.

*Exchequer MS. leaf 92, back, and leaf 93. About 1265.

Ioan of Blebiri in her lawful widowhood, for the
20 welfare of her own soul and of the soul of her late husband Osbert Turpin, *gave to Godstow half of all her holding in Northmorton with all its pertinents, viz. half of 7 yardlands (4 in demesne and 3 in villeinage), to
24 be held by Godstow on payment of 1 lb. of cumin for all services, except foreign service; and confirmed the gift made by her husband and herself.

Grant to Godstow, by Joan of Blewberry,

* leaf 93.

of the other half of lands described in no. 19,

and confirmation of the former gift.

Witnesses:—Sir William of Wyndlesore; Robert Basset;
28 John of Hakeburne; Philip of Sandrevile; Hugh of Kenetwode; Milo of Morton; James of Hauehunt[6].]

[1] Peter son of Torald died 1257: Wood's *City of Oxford*, iii. 460.

[2] The English Register begins again after a lost leaf.

[3] Added from the Latin.

[4] Witnesses are: Sir William of Seuekesworth; Sir Roger of Withtham; Sir Henry of Bayworthe; James, steward of Godstow. 'Sir,' in some instances, no doubt describes the parish priest, not a knight.

[5] Given in duplicate.

[6] 'De Hauncia,' in the duplicate.

*Rawl. MS. leaf 92. About 1265.

[23.] *** A Charter of Milo Basset of Northmorton remyttyng and quyte-claymyng to the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe all his right and clayme that he had toward the forsaid abbesse and mynchons vpon homage and relefe, & *cetera*.**

Confirmation to Godstow, by Milo Basset, feudal superior, of no. 22, and quit-claim of manorial rights.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Milo Basset remitted and furthermore quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires for euer, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god, all the right and clayme that he had or myght haue toward 4 the forsaid abbesse and the forsaid mynchons vpon homage, relefe, warde, and sute of courte, of the tenement that þei held of hym in northmorton, the which tenement they had of the yifte of Iohane Turpyne of Blebyry, So that nother he nother 8 his heires myght no thynge axe after-ward of the forsaid abbesse and mynchons of the forseid homagis relefis wardis and sutis of courte, but all only the kyngis seruyce, as they were I-wonyd to do afore. And for this remyttyng and quyte-claymyng the 12 forsaid abbesse and mynchons yaf to hym viij. mark of silver. And because hit shold be sure, & *cetera*[1].

Purchase money, £5 6*s.* 8*d.*

*Exchequer MS. leaf 92. About 1265.

[24. *** Charter of Ioan of Turevile of Morton.**

Grant to Godstow, by Joan Turevile, of 2 yardlands, * leaf 92, back. tenure—pair of gloves.

IOAN of Turevile, in her lawful widowhood, confirmed to Godstow 2 yardlands in the fee of Morton, viz. a yardland which 16 Thomas of Harewelle once held to farm of her, and a yardland which Alice widow of Fulc held, to be had and held by Godstow * by payment of 1 pair of gloves or 1*d.* at Michaelmas for all service, the convent also making said Ioan partaker of all good 20 deeds and alms which should be done at Godstow.

Witnesses:—Sir William of Suuekewerthe; Sir Roger of Withtham; Robert of Botteleye; William Calamund; James, steward of Godstow; Henry, porter.] 24

[SEACOURT OR SECKWORTH.]

[NOTE.—Seuecurda, Seukeworth, Seckworth (Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 325–8), and, more recently, Seacourt, was once a considerable village in Berkshire, between Wytham and North Hincksey, of which little now survives except the name (now pronounced 'See-urth' by Wytham folks). Its decay probably dates from the con-

[1] Witnesses: Sir Alan of Fernham, Robert of Sandervill, &c.

struction of the Seven Bridges Road (formerly, Botley Causeway) which gave a more convenient access from Oxford across the many-streamed Thames valley to the road to Bath and the west. Before that, the route went north from Oxford through Walton for about a mile; then turned westward; crossed the main Thames at Binsey ford; and thence advanced across various branches of Thames by bridges, whose abutments remained till living memory, to Seukeworth, just south of the branch of Thames which parts Oxfordshire from Berkshire.

There is some confusion about the dates of the de Seukeworth family. Wood, basing his judgement on Brian Twyne's excerpts, assumed that William of Seukeworth gave the tithe of his mills (no. 25) to Godstow at the foundation, in 1138. This cannot be, since the first list in which the grant is mentioned is Henry II's second charter (no. 879), i.e. about 1165. The family descent seems to be—Robert of Seukeworth, about 1140; William, about 1165; Robert, 1200; Sir William, 1230; Dionysia, 1260.

The church (no. 27), or chapel-of-ease, of Seukeworth was a benefaction of the family to Studley Priory in Oxfordshire.

At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow still owned (*Monast.* iv. 375) a parcel of meadow called Secourt ham, valued at 3*s.* 4*d.* a year, and then reckoned to be in Wytham parish.]

[25.] * A chartur of William of Sewkeworth of the tythe of ij. myll & oþ*er* commodyteys in ye same.

* leaf VI or 18. About 1165. Grant to Godstow, by William of Sewkeworth, as a nun's dower, of the tithes of two mills there, and grant of five acres of meadow. Also confirmation of his (step?) son's gift of Easington church (no. 438) with land and tithe in Easington.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that William of Sewekeworth willith to be know that he grauntyd & gaf to god & to our lady seynt Marye, & to the churche of Godstowe, & to the holy
4 mynchyns there s*er*uinge god, for the helthe of hys sowle, & of hys chyldyrn̄, & of hys aunceter*s*, w*ith* hys wyf also, the whyche he toke[1] to kepe to the forseyd holy mynchon*s* to serue god:— that is to say, he grauntyd & gaf to the holy my[n]chons
8 a-foreseyde tethe of hys too Millis of Sewekeworth in corne, money, & fysshes; Also v. acris of hys demayne medewe, namede heahitte[2]; Also, by hys owne consent & meuynge of hymselfe & of hys wyf, Turstyne, hys sone of wedloke, gaf & grauntyd
12 to the forseyd churche of Godstowe the churche of esdome & a yerde of londe of hys owne demayne, & tythe of the same towne a-fore-sayd. He, hys wyf, & hys sone, gafe & grauntyd[3] all these thyng*es* to be hadde for euyr in almys to the churche of
16 Godstowe, And gaf goddys-curs to all aduersaries & by-nemers[4] of thys gyft, & prayed veniaunce of god to falle to hem: these beynge wytnes: & is w*ith*-out date.

[1] 'Take' is used as equivalent to 'give.' The Latin is: 'cum uxore mea, quam in illis praefatis sanctimonialibus ad deo serviendum commisi.'

[2] Latin is: 'heaheite.'

[3] In margin is put: '¶ for Sewkeworth.'

[4] Latin is: 'ablatores.'

About 1200.

[26.] A chartur of Robert of Seuecorthe for the same.

Grant to Godstow, by Robert of Seukeworth, of the tithes of two fulling-mills.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Robert of Sevecowrthe gaf & grauntyd & *con*firmyd w*ith* hys chartur, w*ith* the assent of hys eyerys, to god & to our lady Seynt Marie & to seynt John Baptist of Godstowe, & to the my*n*chons there seruinge god, for the helthe of hys sowle, & of hys auncet*urs*, in-to pure & *per*petual almes, tythe of hys two myllis fuleree in Sevecowrthe, & that hys gyft shulde be sure, & neuer be broke, he made hyt stronge by settynge to of hys seele; these beynge wytnes: & is w*ith*-out date.

[NOTE.—The mills of which the tithes were given by the father (no. 25) were corn-mills (the Latin having 'in blad*is* et nummis et piscibus'). These, in the son's gift, must be different, being fulling-mills for the felting of woollen-cloth ('decimas duorum molendinorum meorum fuleree in Seuecord*ia*').]

*Exchequer MS. (second leaf after text). About 1240.

[27. * Grant by William, lord of Seuekeworthe, to the church of St. Mary of Sewkeworth.

Grant by William of Sewkeworth, to the church there, of tithe of the meadow held by Godstow (no. 25).

I, William of Seuekeworthe, grant to the church of Sewkeworth the tithe of that meadow which my ancestors gave to Godstow, and, in augmentation of the tithes, if they are insufficient, pasture for two oxen in my meadows with my own oxen in wood and plain, etc., and the half of the water-course of Dudwell. Confirmed by the seal of the bishop of Salisbury. Witnesses:—Thomas, then vicar of Sewkeworth; William Moreton, archdeacon of Berkshire and dean of Abingdon; Walter of Sewkeworth; Robert of Boteley.]

[WYTHAM.]

[1. Charters about Godstow conduit.]

* leaf III or 15. About 1135.

[28.] * A chartur I-made to the couent of Godstowe by Robert fiʒt vincent.

Grant to Godstow, by Robert, son of Vincent, of a site near

THE sentence of thys dede is, that Robert[1] the sone of vyncent, lord of Wyht*ham*, hath grauntyd & confirmyd to the Mynchyns of Godstowe, for the helthe of hys soule & many othyr rehersyd, a plase to make an hede of her wat*er* cundit, to haue

[1] See his gift of land in 113⅝ (no. 4).

for euyr vppon hys londe the whyche lyeth be-twene the londe of the church of Wyhtham & the lond' of Iohn of appelford' in the secund' furlonge of the longe more toward Wyhtham. Also he hathe grauntyd to the same Mynchyns, to make & brynge the seyde water cundit to the cowrt of Godstowe, as wel by hys arable lond', Medewe, & al maner londes of hys tenauntes for euyr, vndur the same condicion that the damage in the defaute of the reparacion * of the same mow be satysfyed', as it is seyd' in the dede next a-fore[1]. And is with-out date.

Wytham, for a collecting-reservoir, and of leave to bring the connecting pipe over his lands.

* leaf III or 15, back.

[29.] a chartur of Robert calamunt for the cundit.

About 1135.

Grant to Godstow, by Robert Calamunt, of rights, as in no. 28.

THE sentence of thys dede is, that Robert Calamunt[2] of Wyhtham hath grauntyd' & confermyd' to the Mynchyns of Godstowe free lycence to make a cundit to her' cowrt of Godstowe bothe by hys arable londe & also by hys medewe, vndur the condicion that they satisfye & make good' to hym thorow whose londys they make her' cundyt for the harmys, by the discrescion of neyburs, for his hurt in the defaute of reparacion of the same: & is with out date.

[30.] * a chartur of Robert Newman made to þe couent of Godestowe of þe cundit at wytham.

* leaf III or 15. About 1200?.

Grant to Godstow, by Robert Newman, of an enlargement of the reservoir-site, and right of entry to repair.

THE sentence of thys dede is, how that Robert Newman of wyhtham yaf and grauntyd, in pure & perpetual almys, for hym & hys eyrys, to the Mynchyns of Godstowe & here successours, a parcell of lond', xij. fete of lengyth & x. of brede, in largeing & augmentynge the hede of the cundyte & for the howse byldynge there-vppon, the whyche hede was grauntyd' of Robert the sone of Vincent, as hyt shal be more playnly shewyd' in the next dede folowynge[3], with fre entres and re-intres to belde & repayre the same. Also he grauntyd that the forsayd' Mynchyns mowe repayre & amend' the forseyd' cundyt, aftur her' owne wyll, as oft as nede requiryth, so that for the harmys be made amendes by the dyscresion of Neyburs to hem that be hurtyd by occasyon of suche reparacion, & *cetera*. And is with-out date.

[NOTE.—I take this conduit to be for the supply of drinking water to the nunnery. Somewhere beyond the village of Wytham, a reservoir seems to have been constructed to catch one of the springs which gush out of the foot of the Berkshire

[1] Now no. 29. [2] Probably the same as Robert, son of Vincent. [3] Now no. 28.

hills. Mr. H. Hurst points out the difficulty of supposing engineers at that date to be capable of conducting a stream of water under the branches of Thames which lie between Wytham and Godstow. But Oseney Abbey (Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 205) was supplied by a reservoir at North Hincksey, and portions of the lead-pipe (enclosed in stone), by which the water was conveyed across the Thames valley and probably under the streams, have been dug up in modern times. Otho Nicholson's conduit (Wood, i. 441) at Carfax, built in 1610, of which the reservoir-house still stands on the slope of Hincksey hill, is a later and more famous example. Mr. Hurst has drawn my attention to a remarkable work to supply the tanks within the nunnery enclosure and the large fishponds outside. To the west of Godstow there is a small, winding branch of Thames, called 'Wytham brook.' From this, by a straight artificial canal, a stream of water was led along most of the west side of the gardens, parallel to the convent. When near the south-west corner, this canal turned sharply eastwards, was brought under the west wall by a fourteenth-century arch (which still remains), formed within the court two largish baths or ponds, passed through the east wall by an arch, no doubt fed the fishponds (which had one arm 65 yards by 9 yards, another 23 yards by 8 yards, both of about 4 feet deep: all filled up in 1887) which lay just south of the convent; and thence escaped to the Thames by a channel which was filled up in 1885. This was called the 'Sanctuary Stream.' The field enclosed between this stream on the west and the convent buildings on the east is called 'Sanctuary Field'; that west of it is called 'Sentry Field,' probably from memory of the 1645–6 campaigns. At the point where Sanctuary stream leaves Wytham brook, an elm-tree was blown down in 1899. The cattle, trampling over the spot, brought out the foundations of a rectangular building which had no doubt been erected to keep the water in the canal at a just level. Mr. Hurst, who made the discovery, thinks that this is the 'head' described in no. 28. I do not agree, for I cannot find here any 'arable land,' for the crossing of which (nos. 28, 29) permission had to be obtained. I must, however, add that Mr. Hurst opines that the levels of the water round Godstow have been greatly altered, and that lands now meadow may have been formerly plowable.]

[2. Dispute about tithe at Wytham.]

*leaf III or 15, back. $124\frac{4}{5}$, Febr. 13. Commissioners appointed by pope Gregory IX, March 27, 1241, to determine a tithe-suit.

[31.] *** A chart*ur* I-made by dyuers iuggys a-geynst þe *per*son of wyhth*a*m.**

THE sentence of thys dede is, that the P*ri*or of seynt Iamys of North*a*mpton had receyuyd a maundment of Gregori pope, as hyt a-peryth by the wrytyng there "Nou*er*it vniu*er*sitas ve*st*ra me mandatu*m* do*mi*ni pape," & sequitur, 4

Gregorius episcop*us* seruus seruo*rum* dei, how that Robert, *per*son of wyhth*a*m, shewyd to hym & playnyd that the Abbas of Godstowe & here couent, Iohn lucy, prest, Rog*er* wyth*a*m, & othyr clerk*es* & lay men of the diocesis of Lincoln*e* & Salisbury, 8 wrongyd hym & dyd vnryht to hym vpon certen possessions, tethys, dewteys & othyr thyng*es*; wherefore oure holy fadur the pope be-fore rehersyd commaundid that the seyd Prior of seynt

Iamys shuld' calle the p*ar*tyes & here the cause by-twene hem, appele put a-syde, wronge & vnryhtful w*ith*holdynge cesynge; & that he shuld make a dewe ende by-twene hem. Also, that
4 that he decreyd' & ordeynyd' be-twene hem, he shold' charge ferme & stabiliche, to be kepyd by the censur' of the churche. The wytnes that be callyd', yf they wythdrawe hem to sey the trowth, for fauor, haterede, or drede, that he shuld constreyne
8 hem vndur peyne of curse, appele ceassynge & set a-syde. I-gyf at sent Iohn̄ lateranense, the Modur churche of rome, the syxt kale*ndes* of ap*ri*le the xv. yere of hys popehede.

[Form of instructions to a papal commission.]

[27 March, 1241.]

By the autorite of thys maundeme*n*t, the seyd p*rio*r before
12 callyd the Abbas of Godstowe & her' couent a-fore hym aftur the ordyr of lawe. A-geynst whom the seyd Robert, p*er*son of wyhth*a*m, purposyd hys entent in thys man*er*. Robert, p*er*son of wyhth*a*m, seyth a-geynyst the Abbas & couent of Godstowe
16 that they a-geynst sey[1], a-yeynst ryht, to pay to hym, & to hys churche, tethys comynge forth of a croft callyd wydehey w*ith*-in the boundes termys or markys of hys churche of Wyhth*a*m, & longynge to hym aftur the comyn lawe: for thys cause, he
20 askyth the seyd Abbas & couent of Godstowe to be constreynyde, by censur' of the churche, to a graunt to be made of the seyd tethys to hym & to hys churche. Also he askyth in the name of arreragis of tethys take of the seyd' crofte for vj. yerys passyd
24 xviij. s*hillings* aftur estymacion, the whych he desyrythe the seyd Abbas & Couent to be condempnyd in by the arbitriment of the forseyd p*rio*r: furthyrmore makynge a protestacion that, yf hyt be shewyd' in ony wyse the seyd Abbas & couent to be
28 free & excusyd' by ony special p*ri*uilege for[2] the * grauntynge of the seyd' tethys, that, as the lawe iuggyth, he to leue of hys asky*n*ge & peticion. To whose intent was it answeryd' in thys man*er*:—The Abbas & couent of Godstow seyn that the place
32 markyd' or shewyd', aftur, & in entent of, the seyd p*er*son, actor & doer, is not w*ith*-in the bondes of hys p*ar*isshe of wyhth*a*m, & so he may not aske tethys ther-of by the co*m*mune lawe; &, yf the same place be w*ith*-in the boundes of the seyd' p*ar*isshe, they
36 be not bound' to pay the tethys of hyt, for hyt is 'nouale,' that is to sey, a feld yerly tyllyd', or ellys euyry othyr yere. Also they byn excusyd' & p*ri*uilegid' by the pope fro the graunt of

Robert, parson of Wytham, claimed tithes of a croft in Wytham,

and arrears for six years.

* leaf IIII or 16.

Godstow claimed exemption, by papal privilege, because the croft is *novale*.

[1] i. e. refuse: 'contradicunt.'

[2] Read 'from.'

suche tethis; &, to preue thys, they haue shewyd in iuggement the priuylege of the pope excusynge hem fro the payment of tethys of feldys yerly or euery othyr yer unmed[1]. It was askyd of the seyd person whether the seyde place wer of suche condicion or none. With hys owne mowþe he seyd: so[2]. And vppon thys they[3] browht forth wytnes more in euyry excepcion[4] to preue that it was so. Then, whenne hyt was shewyd that the seyd person preuyd nothynge of hys entent, & hyt was shewyd opynly by confession made of the part in iuggement, & what by laweful preuynge & by preuylege of the pope, that they shuld be cler fro gyfynge of such maner tethys, we haue gyf for the sake of god the sentens in thys maner.

In nomine patris & f[ilii] & s[piritus] s[ancti] amen. Visis & inspectis & *ce*[*tera*].

Decision in favour of Godstow.

By the autorite of our holy fadur the pope we assoyle & lowse, sentencially & by iuggement, the Abbas & couent of Godstowe & her successours, in the name of the monastery, fro the vnryhtful askynge of the seyd Robert, person of the churche of wyhtham, of the gefynge of tethys askyd, & we put hym, hys successours, & hys churche, to perpetual silence vppon askynge of the seyd tethys.

To the whyche wrytynge hys seel I-put to is wytnes: The yere of the incarnacion of our lorde a thowsand two hundurd & fowrty. iiii°. Idus februarij in the church of seynt petur at Northehampton.

[3. Early charters about lands in Wytham.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, the only piece of Godstow property separately noticed (*Monast.* iv. 375) is 'Our Lady's House,' rented at 10s. The other Godstow lands in this parish were no doubt reckoned in with lands in Wolvercote as forming the home-farm of the convent, as described in *Monast.* iv. 376.]

[1] The translator has blundered over the contraction-form 'immunes,' and made it 'unmed.' The clause in the Latin is: et ips[a]e immunes sunt a petitione decimarum de noualibus.'

[2] Read probably 'Some,' i. e. 'partly.' The Latin is: when it was asked of the plaintiff 'an dictus locus esset novale, confessus fuit in iudicio, viva voce, quod novale fuit pars.'

[3] i. e. Godstow.

[4] Latin: 'omni exceptione maiores,' i. e. too weighty to be cavilled at.

[32.] *A chartur of vincent of wyhtham for the londe of Myddylhey. * leaf III or 15, back. About 1160.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Vincent, lord of Wytham, of his father's gift of Middle-ei [Nuns' dower] and grant of a meadow (Revenere [Nun's dower].

THE sentence of thys dede is, that Vincent of Wyhtham hath grauntyd & confermyd to the Mynchyns of Godstowe the londe that is callyd midelei, the whyche Robert hys fadur gaf to the seyd Mynchyns, in perpetual almys, with hys thre dowhters in the same place Mynchyns. Also he hathe grauntyd, with assent & consent of moldr hys wyfe & hys eyrys[1], to the seyd Mynchyns, with hys two dowhters there I-sacrydr to god, v. acrys of medewe of hys owne herytage, the whyche medewe is callydr reuenere, with alle the purtenaunce, frely, for the helthe of hys sowle & auncètures: & is with-out date.

[NOTE.—The Latin is printed in *Monast.* iv. 363: Witnesses are Vincent's sons Robert, William, and John. The father Robert's gift was made at the foundation (no. 4).]

[33.] *A chartur of Roger abbot of abendon of þe londe callydr pedderysham. *leaf VI or 18, back. About 1180.

Grant to Godstow, by Abingdon abbey (Roger, abbot, 1175-84), of a meadow, on petition of Henry II.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Roger, Abbot of Abendon, & alle the couent of þe same place, by her commune assent yaf & grauntydr to the Mynchons of Godstow, for the loue of god & askynge of the kynge, in-to perpetual almys, the londe that is callid pedderesham. Thys londe is nyhe & boundynge to the gardyn of the Mynchons, conteynynge v. acris, & they willid that these v. acris sholde be firme & clene with-out ony c[h]alenge to the seyd Mynchons for euyr; & is with-out date.

[4. Later Charters about lands in Wytham.]

[34.] * A Charter of Richardr Ieodewyne, of wightham, and Alice his wyf, confermyngr to Thomas Pacokes a mesuage with a crofte and half an acre of arrable londr in the towne of wyghtham. * leaf 199. 1369, June 29.

Grant to Thomas

THE sentence of this charter is, that Richardr Ieodewyne[2] of wyghtam and Alice his wyfe hath yovene and graunted and by

[1] An initial 'h' has been erased.

[2] This name is of Oxford interest, as giving a reasonable derivation of 'Jawdewyn's Lane,' 'Jaudewin's Market (Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 132, 371).

Pacokes, by Richard and Alice Jeodewyne, of a messuage, croft, and half-acre,

there present chartire confermed to Thomas Pacokes a mesuage with a Crofte and an half acre of arrable lond liyng in the towne of wygtham, which they had of the yifte and graunte of Symond Ieodewyne, the which is sette bitwene the mesuage of Henry 4 Boltere toward the Sowthe, and bitwene the lond of Richard Foxe toward the Northe: To have and to hold all the forsaid mesuage, with the forsaid Crofte and half acre of arrable lond, with all his other pertynentis, to the forsaid Thomas his heires 8 and his assignes, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruice dewe and of right accustomed, for ever more, yeldyng therof yerely to the lord of a messuage which is called Calemondesplace viij. d. at the termes of Seynt Thomas the appostle, the Annunciacion 12 of oure lady, the Natiuite of Seynt Iohn Baptist, and Seynt Michell the Archaungell, by evyne porcions; And to the warde of wyndesore, whan hit comyth, at every terme I-sette by the yere, i. obolus, For all other seruycis. And the forsaid Richard 16 and Alice his wyf and ther heires, all the forsaid mesuage with the forsaid crofte and half acre of arrable lond, with all ther other pertynentis, to the forsaid Thomas his heires and his assignes ayenst all maner of peple shall warantize for ever- 20 more. In witnesse wherof to this present chartir they sette to there seales. Thise beyng witnesse, Robert of wygtham, william of Sanford, Raaf wheler, Thomas atte Hole, walter Mason, Symond Corpel, and many other. The date at wygt- 24 ham, the xxix. day of Iuyn, In the yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the conquest xliij^ti.

subject to quit-rent to Calemondesplace, and to the ward of Windsor, ½*d.*

1399/400, Febr. 3.

[35.] * A Chartere of Thomas Pocokes of wytham confermyng to william Brothure of the same, and Edithe his wyf, Luce and Alexandre theire children, a mesuage and an acre of arrable lond, to the same mesuage liyng, in wytham, called Cartersplace.

Grant to William Brothur, by Thomas Pocokes, * leaf 199, back. of Carter's-place (no. 34).

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Pocokes of Wytham hath yoven and graunted and by his present charter 28 confermed to William Brothure of the same, and to Edithe his wyf, Luce and Alexandre * theire children, a mesuage and an acre of arable lond liyng to the same mesuage, in wytham aforsaid, the whiche is called Cartersplace, and hit is I-sette 32

next the mesuage that is called Boltaresplace: To haue and to holde, the forsaid mesuage and the said acre of lond *with* all his *per*tynentis, to the forsaid William, Edithe, Luce and Alexandre
4 and to their*e* heires and to their*e* assignes, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruycis therof dewe and of right accustomed, for evermore. And the forsaid Thomas and his heires the forsaid mesuage and the seid acre of lond with all his *per*tynentis, to
8 the forsaid William, Edithe, Luce, and Alexandre, and to ther*e* heires and their*e* assignes, ayenste all maner of peple shall warantiȝe and defende for ever-more. In witnesse wherof to this *pre*sent charter he sette to his seale. These beyng
12 witnesse, Rob*ert* of Wyth*am*, Sir*e* walter, person of the chirche of wyth*am*, Symond Cogbel, Thomas of wormenhale, Clerk, and many other. The date at wyth*am*, the Sonday next aftir the fest of the Purificacion of our*e* Lady seynt Marie, In the yere
16 of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde aftir the conquest xliiij*ti*.

[36.] A Charter*e* of Symond Ieodewyn*e* of wyghth*am* confermyng to Raynold atte wyk*es* and to william atte wyk*es* all his place in wyghth*am* and half a yerde lond with medis lesues pastures and all other p*er*tynentis longyng to the same place. 1378, June 6.

THE sentence of this charter is that Symond Ieodewyn*e* of wyghth*am* yaf graunted and by his charter confermed to Raynold atte wyk*es* and to william atte wyk*es* all his place in
20 wyghth*am* aforsaid, and one half yerde of lond, with medis, lesues, pasturis, and all other p*er*tynentis, liyng to the same place: Whiche forsaid place is called yonge Calemondesplace: To haue and to hold, the forsaid place and half yerde lond, with
24 medys, lesues, pasturis and other his pertynentis, to the forsaid Raynold and william and to their*e* heires and their*e* assignes, Of the chief lordis of that fee, by seruyce therof dewe and of right accustomed, for evermore. And the forsaid Symond and
28 his heires the forsaid place and half yerde lond, with medys, lesues, pastures and other his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Reynold and William and to ther*e* heires and ther*e* assignes ayenste all maner of peple shall warantiȝe for evermore. Also the forsaid
32 Symond yaf and graunted vnto the same Raynold and william
* all his goodes and catalles, mevable and vnmeuable, which he. * leaf 200.

Grant to Reginald at Wyke, by Simon Jeodewyne, of a messuage and a half yardland, called Young-Calemond's-place.

had' in the towne and feldis of wyghtham aforsaid' or in any other place in any wise for hens-forthe to be chalenged' of them or ony of them. In witnesse whereof to this present charter he put to his seale. These beyng witnesse, Robert of wightham, 4 Thomas atte hole, william Tatyn, william Sandford', Thomas Padbury, Walter Daundeseye, Robert Carter and other. The date at wightham, the vj^te. day of Iuyne, In the yere of the reigne of kyng Richard' the Seconde after the conquest the First. 8

138⅔, Jan. 6.

[37.] A Charter of Alexandre, the sone of Edithe late the wyf of william Brethere of wyghtham, confermyng to Symond' Ieodewyne the yonger of wightham, and to Iuliane his wyf, a mesuage with a crofte and half an acre of arable lond'.

Grant to Simon Jeodewyne, junior, by Alexander Brothur, of no. 35.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Alexandre, the sone of Edithe late the wyf of william Brether of wightham, hath yoven and graunted' and by his charter confermed' to Symond' Ieodewyne the yongere of wightham and to Iuliane his wyf 12 a mesuage, with a crofte and half an acre of arable lond' to the same mesuage liyng, and his pertynentis, in wightham aforsaid', which mesuage is I-sette bitwene the tenement which at that tyme Richard' Bolles held' on the south partye, and the crofte 16 called' Chalcrofte of the north partie, and the same acre of arable lond' lieth in the same crofte: To haue and to hold', the forsaid' mese and Crofte, with half an acre of arable lond' and the pertynentis, to the forsaid' Symond' and Iulian his wyf and to 20 the heires and assignes of the seid' Symond' for evermore, Of the chief lordis of that fee, by seruyces therof dewe and accustomed'. And the forsaid' Alexandre and his heires the forsaid' mese and crofte, with half acre of arable lond', and his perty- 24 nentis, to the forsaid' Symond' and Iuliane his wyf and to the heires and the assignes of the same Symond' ayenst all maner of peple shall warantize and defende for euermore. In witnesse wherof to this charter he sette to his seale. These beyng wit- 28 nesse, Robert of wightham, william Tatyn, Symond' Ieodewyn the eldire, Thomas atte hole, Thomas Padbury, walter Daundesey, and other. The date at wyghtham, the vj.^te day of Ianyvere, In the yere of kyng Richard' the seconde after the conquest of 32 Englond' the vj^te.

[38.] A relese and quyteclayme of Alexandre, the sone of Edithe late *the wyf of william Brethere of wightham, I-made to Symond Ieodewyn the yonger of wightham and to Iuliane his wyf [of] all the right that he had in a mese and a crofte and half acre of londe. 138⅔, Jan. 12. * leaf 200, back.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Alexandir, the sone of Edith late the wyf of william Brether, relesed and all-wey for hym and for his heires for euermore quyteclaymed to Symond Ieodewyn the yonger of wightham, and to Iuliane his wyf, and to the heires and assignes of the same Symond, for euermore, all the right and clayme which he had or myght haue in any maner wise in a mese with a crofte and half an acre of arable lond lyng to the same with his pertynentis in the towne and feldes of wightham, So that neither the forsaid Alexandre, neithere his heires, nor none other in his name, ony maner right or clayme in the forsaid mese with crofte and half acre of arable lond and his pertynentis nor in no parte therof fro hens-forth make ony chalenge for euer, But fro all maner of right and clayme in the same by this present writyng for euermore to be vttirly excluded. Furthermore, the forsaid Alexandre and his heires the forsaid mese with crofte and half acre of arable lond and his pertynentis to the forsaid Symond and Iuliane and to the heires and assignes of the same Symond ayenst all maner of peple shall warantize for euer. In witnesse wherof to this presente writyng he hath sette to his seale. These beyng witnesse, Robert of wightham, William Tatyn, Symond Ieodewyn the eldire, Thomas atte hole, Thomas Padbury, Walter Daundeseye, and other. The date at wightham, the xij. day of Ianyvere, In the yere of the reigne of kyng Richard the seconde after the conquest of Englond the vjte.

Quit-claim to Simon Jeodewyn junior, by Alexander Brothur, of all right in no. 35.

[39.] A Chartere of william Tatyn the Elder and Iohn Missenden of Abyndon confermyng to Symond Iudewyn the Yonger of wytham there tenement beyng in the towne of wytham next to the mese of Richard Bollus. 138⅔, Jan 10.

THE sentence of this charter is, that william Tatyn the elder and Iohn Mussyndene of Abendon hath yoven and

Quit-claim to Simon Jeodewyn

junior, by W. Tatyn and J. Missenden (possibly husbands of William Brothur's widow and daughter: no. 35), of all right in no 38.
* leaf 201.

graunted and by there present charter confermed to Symond Iudywyne the yongere of wytham a tenement beyng in the towne of wytham next to the mese of Richard Bollus; To haue and to hold, all the forsaid tenement, with all his pertynentis all about, Of the chief lordes of that fee, to the forsaid Symond his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, rightfully for euermore, by seruyce therof dew and of right accustomed. And the forsaid william and Iohn and *there heires the forsaid tenemente, with all his pertynentis all aboute, to the forsaid Symond his heires and assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shall warantize and surely defende for ever-more. In witnesse wherof to this present charter they sette to there seales. These beyng witnesse, Robert of wytham, walter Daundeseye, william Sanford, Thomas Padbury, Iohn Pynche, and othere. The date at witham, the x. day of the moneth of Ianyvere, In the yere of the reigne of kyng Richard the Seconde after the conquest the xij.

1396, June 21.

[40.] A Charter of Symond Ieodwyne of wightham and Iuliane his wyf confermyng to william atte wyk and to Raynold his sone an acre and an half acre of arable lond, and an acre of mede, & *cetera*.

Grant to William at Wyke by Simon Jeodewyne, of land and meadow, possibly as security for a loan.
[vicar of Wytham's cottage.]
[yerde = rood.]

THE sentence of this charter is, that Symond Ieodwyne of wightham and Iuliane his wyf hath yoven and graunted and by there present charter confermed to william atte wyk and to Raynold his sone an acre and one half acre of arable lond and one acre of mede, wherof one half acre of lond aforsaid lieth in the vppirmost feld of the towne of wightham towarde the Cotage of the parson of wightham, and one half acre lieth in the Rede lond, and another half acre lieth in Depford, And half an acre mede lieth in the mede aboue vndir Godestowe, and a yerde of mede lieth in Schedday, And a-nothere yerde mede lieth in Horshey: To haue and to hold, the forsaid ij. acres and half acre of lond and mede, with all theire pertynentis, to the forsaid William and Raynold his sone and to there heires and assignes, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyces ther-of dew and of right accustomed, for evermore. And the forsaide

Symond' and Iuliane and there heires, the forsaid' ij. acres and an half of lond' and mede with all his pertynentis, to the forsaide william and Raynold' his sone and to there heires and assignes, 4 ayenst all maner of peple shall warantize for evermore. In witnesse wherof to this present charter they have putte to there seales, Thise beyng witnesse, Robert of wightham, william Tatyn, Robert Carter, Thomas Paddebury, walter Daundeseye, 8 Thomas Pocok, Iohn Lye, and other. The date at wightham, in the fest of whitsontyde, In the yere of the reigne of kyng Richard' the second' aftir the conquest of Englond' the xix.

[41.] A Charter of william atte wyk and of Raynold' his sone confermyng to Symond' Ieodwyne and to Iuliane his wyf an acre and an half *of arable lond' and an acre of mede in Wightham. 1398, June 2. * leaf 201, back.

12 THE sentence of this charter is that william atte wyk and Raynold' his sone yaf graunted' and by ther present charter confermed' to Symond' Ieodewyne of wightham and to Iuliane his wyf an acre and an half of arable lond' and an acre of mede: 16 Wherof one half acre of the forsaid' lond' lieth in the vppirmost feld' of the towne of wightham toward' the Cotage of the parson of wightham, and another half acre lieth in Redelond', and another half acre lieth in Depford', And half an acre of mede 20 lieth in the mede aboue[1] vndir Godestowe, and a yerde mede lieth in Shedday, and another yerde mede lieth in Horshey: To have and to hold', the forsaid' ij. acres and an half of lond' and mede, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid' Symond' and Iuliane 24 his wyf and to the heires and assignes of the forsaid' Symond', frely to-gedir and in pease for euer-more, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyce therof dew and of right accustomed'. In witnesse wherof to this present charter they sette to ther seales. 28 These beyng witnesse; Robert of wightham, william Tatyn, Robert Cartere, walter Daundeseye, Thomas Pokok, and other. The date at wightham, in the fest of the holy Trynyte, In the yere of the reigne of kyng Richard' the second' after the conquest 32 of Engelond' xxj.

Grant to Simon Jeodewyne by William at Wyke, of land and meadow, as in no. 40.

[1] i. e. 'above Under-Godstow,' a part of the village.

1404, Aug. 10.

[42.] A Charter of william Caldecote of Aylesbury and of Elizabeth his wyf confermyng to Symond Iedewyne of wightham an acre and a butte of arable lond and a butte of mede, & *cetera*.

Grant to Simon Jeodewyne by William Caldecote, of a portion of the land described in no. 40.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Caldecote of Aylesbury and Elizabeth his wyf hathe yoven and graunted and by ther present chartire confermed to Symond Iedewyne of wightham and to his heires and his assignes an acre of arable 4 lond liyng in Byrweye in the feldis of wightham called Carters, and a butte of arable lond liyng in Litell Chaleueye, and also a butte of mede liynge in Shorte shuddaye at Stonelake, strecchyng hit-self into the water of Thamyse: To haue and to hold, the 8 forsaid acre and butte of arable lond and the forsaid butte of mede, with his pertynentis, to the forsaid Symond and to his heires and to his assignes, for euermore, Of the chief lordis of that fee, by seruyce therof dewe and accustomed. And the 12 forsaid William and Elizabeth the forsaid acre and butte of *arable lond and the forsaid butte of mede with his pertynentis to the same Symond Iedewyne and to his heires and to his assignes ayenst al maner of peple shall warantize and defende. 16 In-to witnesse of the which thynge to this present charter they sette to there seales. Thise beyng witnesse, Robert wightham, Richard wightham, Roger Fulbeck, Thomas Pocok, Iohn Hotehale, and other. The date at wightham, the x. day of August, 20 In the yere of the reigne of kyng henry the Fourthe after the conquest of Englond the vth.

* leaf 202.

1408, July 8.

[43.] A Charter of Symond Iedewyne of wightham grauntyng and confermyng to Richard Bannebury, Richard Mountegu and Iohn Otale all his londes and tenementis that he had in the towne and feldes of wightham.

Grant to three feoffees by Simon Jeodewyne, of all his lands in Wytham, possibly on mortgage.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Symond Iedewyne of wightham yaf, graunted, and by his present charter confermed, to 24 Richard Bannebury, Richard Mountegu, and Iohn Otale, all the londes and tenementis which he had in the towne and feldes of wightham aforseid; To haue and to hold, all the forsaid londes and tenementis, rentes and seruycis, with medys lesues and 28

pasturis, and all ther other pertynentis, to the forsaid Richard Bannebury, Richard Mountegu, and Iohn Otale, yeldyng therof yerely vnto the chief lordes of that fee seruyces dew and
4 accustomed; And the forsaid Symond and his heires all the forsaid londes and tenementis, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Richard Bannebury, Richard Mountegu, and Iohn Otale, [and] to ther heires and assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shall
8 warantize and defende for euermore. Into witnesse wherof vnto this present charter he putte to his seale, These beyng witnesse: Iohn Eburton, Richard Wightham, Iohn Coventre, and many other. The date, the viij. day of Iuyll, In the yere
12 of the reigne of kyng henry the iiij. after the conquest viij.

[44.] A charter of Iohn Leyot, deane of Chestire, confermyng to William Golafre an acre of arable land called Carters and ij. Buttis of land and mede in the feldis of Wightham. 1410, Sept. 14.

Grant to William Golafre, by John Leyot, of land and meadow, as in no. 42.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Leyot, deane of Chestire, yaf, graunted, and by his present charter confermed, to William Golafre an acre of arable land called Carters liyng in
16 Byrweye in the feldes of wightham, with ij. Buttis of land and mede liyng in the feldes aforsaid, wherof one Butte of arable land lieth in litell Chalueye, *And another Butte of mede lieth in Shorte shoddaye at Stanelak and hit strecchith into the
20 watir of Thamyse: To haue and to hold, the forsaid acre of land with the forsaid ij. Buttis and all there other pertynentis, to the forsaid william Golafre and to his heires and his assignes, frely to-gedire and in pease, Of the chief lordes of that fee,
24 by seruyces therof dewe and of right accustomed, for euermore, yeldyng therof vnto the forseid Iohn Leyot, his heires, and to his assignes, in the fest of Seynt Mighell the archaungell ij. d. ob*olus* of yerely rente duryng euermore for all othere seruyces and
28 demaundes. And the forsaid Iohn Leyot and his heires the forsaid acre of arable land with the forsaid ij. Buttis of land and mede, with all there pertynentis, to the forsaid william Golafre and to his heires and his assignes ayenst all maner of peple
32 shall warantize and defende for euer in the forme aboueseid. In witnesse wherof to this present chartire he sette to his seale, These beyng witnesse: Iohn Golafre, Edmond Spersholt, Richard

* leaf 202, back.

Quit-rent, 2½*d.*

wightham, walter daundeseye, Richard wodeford, Iohn Otale, Roger Bosse, and other. The date at wightham, the xiiij. day of Septembre, The yere of the reigne of kyng henry the Fourthe after the conquest the xjth. 4

142⁸⁄₉, March 3.

[45.] A Charter of Robert Schellestoñ of Bokelond and Margery his wyf late the wyf of Symond Iedewyne of wightham confermyng to Iohn woderove of wightham and to Isabelle his wyf a mese called Cartersplace in wightham, & *cetera*.

Grant to John Woderove, by Margery, widow of Simon Jeodewyne and now wife of Robert Schellestoñ of Buckland, Berkshire, of Carter's-place, as in no. 34.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert Schellestoñ of Bokelond and Margery his wyf late the wyf of Symond Iedewyne of wightham hath yoveñ and graunted and by theire present chartir confermed to Iohn woderove of wightham and to Isabelle 8 his wyf a mese called Cartersplace, in wightham aforsaid, which is I-sette bitwene a voide place called Bolters of the South parte, and the lond that is called Prynkeshalfacre oñ the north parte: To haue and to hold, the said mese with londis, medis, 12 lesues[1], and pastures, with the pertynentis, to the forsaid Iohn woderove and Isabelle his wyf, to there heires and there assignes, for euermore, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyces therof dew and of right accustomed. Into witnesse of the which 16 thynge, to this present charter they sette to there seales, These beyng witnesse: Thomas Dentoñ, Richard Burtoñ, Thomas Gibbes, Richard Iedewyne, Mighell Nortoñ, and other. The date at wightham, the thirde day of Marche, The yere of the 20 reigne of knyge henry the Sixte aftir the conquest the vijth.

* leaf 203. 14³⁰⁄₃₁, Febr. 22.

[46.] *A Charter of Iohn Wylcokys and Richard Smert confermyng to Iohn Woderove of wightham and to Iohane his wyf all that tenemente with gardeyne liyng to in wightham called Cartersplace *with* londes, medis, lesues, pastures, wodes, *with* all other pertynentes.

Grant to John Woderove, by two feoffees,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn wilcokys and Richard Smert hath yoveñ, and by there present charter confermed, to Iohn woderove of wightham, and to Iohane his wyf, 24 all that tenement with gardeyne liyng to, in wightham aforsaid,

[1] i. e. lesues, leswes, or leasowes = pastures.

called Cartersplace, with londes medowes lesues pastures wodes and all other pertynentis liyng to the same tenement, Which the forsaid Iohn wilcokkis and Richard late had of the yifte and 4 feffement of the forsaid Iohn woderove as in the charter of the same Iohn woderove to them made more playnly hit appereth: To haue and to hold, the forsaid tenemente with gardeyne liyng to, londes, medis, lesues, pastures, wodis, and all his other 8 pertynentes, to the forsaid Iohn woderove and Iohane his wyf and to ther heires and assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyces therof dewe and of right accustomed. And the forsaid Iohn wilcokkis and 12 Richard and ther heires, the forsaid tenement and gardeyne liyng to, londes, medis, and all other pertynentis, to the forsaid Iohn woderove and Iohane his wyf and to ther heires and assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shall warantize and defende 16 for ever. In witnesse of the which thynge to this present charter they sette to theire seales, These beyng witnesse: Iohn Golafre, Squyere, william Fitz waryne, Hugh Roose, Thomas Dentoñ, Henry Lucas, and other. The date at wightham, the 20 thursday next before the fest of Seynt Mathie the Appostle, The yere of the reigne of kynge henry the Sixte after the conquest of Englond the ix^th^.

of Carter's-place (as in no. 34), and lands which go with it,

perhaps as cancelling of a mortgage.

[St. Matthias = Febr. 24.]

[47.] A Chartere of Iohn woderof of wightham and Iohane his wyf confermyng to Richard Stonley there cosyne all that tenement with gardeyne liyng to, in wightham, called Cartersplace, with londes medis lesues pastures and all other pertynentis.

1442, Nov. 5.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn woderof of 24 wightham in the Counte of Berkshire and Iohane his wyf hath yoven, and graunted, and by there present charter confermed to Richard Stonley ther cosyne all that tenement with gardeyne liyng to, in wightham aforsaid, called Cartersplace, with londes, 28 medis, lesues, pastures, wodes, and all other pertynentis longyng to the same tenement, which the forsaid Iohn and Iuliane late to-gedir had of the yifte and feffement * of Iohn Wylcokkys and Richard Smert of Bynsey, in the towne and feldes of wightham 32 aforsaid, as in a charter of the said Iohn wylcokkys and Richard to them made playnly appereth. Also they yaf, and

Grant to Richard Stonley, by John Woderove, of Carter's-place (as in no. 34)

* leaf 203, back.

graunted, and by ther present charter confermed, to the same
and of parcel of Chalcroft, Richard Stonley, iiij. Buttes of lond liyng in the north parte in
Chalcrofte in wightham aboueseid: To haue and to hold, the
forsaid tenement, gardeyne, lond, medys, lesues, wodis, and his 4
pertynentis, and the forsaid iiij. Buttis of lond in Chalcrofte,
to the forsaid Richard Stonley and to the heires of his body
lawfully begote, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyces
therof dew and accustomed, for euer. And yf hit happe the 8
on entail. same Richard Stonley with out heire of his body lawfully
begote to dye, that than they wolle and graunte, by this present
writyng, that the forsaid tenemente, gardeyne, lond, mede,
lesues, wodes, and there pertynentis, And also the iiij. Buttis 12
of lond in Chalcrofte aforsaid, shall remayne vnto kateryne, the
modir of the forsaid Richard Stonley, and to her heires and
assignes for evere: To be holde, of the chief lordes of that fee,
by seruyces aboueseid, for euer. And the forsaid Iohn and 16
Iohane his wyf and ther heires, the forsaide tenemente with
gardeyne londis medis lesues wodes and there pertynentis,
And also the forsaid iiij. Buttes of lond in Chalcrofte aboveseid,
to the forsaid Richard Stonley and to the heires of his body 20
lawfully begoten, and also, for defaute of such heires of the
same Richard Stonley, to the forsaid kateryne Stonley and to
her heires and to her assignes, ayenst all maner of peple they
shall warantize for ever. In witnesse of which thyng to this 24
present charter they sette to there seales: These beyng witnesse:
Robert Harecourt, knyght, Richard Harecourt, Squyere, william
Gyles, Richard Blakeman of Eynesham, Robert Mulleward of
the same, and other. The date at wightham aforseid, the v. day 28
of the moneth of Nouembere, The yere of the reigne of kyng
Henry the vj^te after the conquest of Englond xxj^ti.

1453, July 4. **[48.] A Charter of Richard Stonley and kateryne Stonley confermyng to Thomas wylcokkis Clerk all that mese or tenement with a gardeyne liyng to in wightham called Cartersplace with all other pertynentis longyng to the same.**

* leaf 204. * THE sentence of this charter is, that Richard Stonley and
Grant to Thomas Wilcocks, kateryne Stonley hath yoven, and graunted, and by ther present 32
charter confermed, to Thomas wylcokkis, Clerk, all that mese or

tenemente wiṫ gardyn*e* liyng to, which is I-sette in wightham in the Counte of Berkshire, called Cartersplace, wiṫ londes, medis, lesues, and pastures, wodes, and alł p*er*tynentis to the same mese or tenement p*er*teynyng in any maner wise: which forsaid tenement or mese, wiṫ alł other before named, and ther p*er*tynentis, the forsaid Richard late had of the yifte and feffement of Io*n*ṫ woderof, late of wightham aforsaid, and of Iohane his wyf. Also they yaf, and graunted, and by ther p*re*sent chart*er* confermed, to the forsaid Thomas iiij. Buttes of arable lond liyng in a crofte called Chalcrofte, in the north p*ar*te of the same crofte, in wightham aforsaid: To haue and to hold, the forseid tenemente or mese, wiṫ gardeyn*e*, lond, medis, lesues, pastures, wodes, and alł other p*er*tynentis, And also the forsaid Buttes of arable lond, wiṫ ther p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Thomas his heires and to his assignes, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyces therof dew and of right accustomed, for ever. And the forsaid Richard and kat*er*yne and ther heires, the forsaid tenemente or mese w*ith* gardyn*e*, and also the forsaid iiij. Buttis of lond, and alł that is before I-named, wiṫ alł ther other p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Thomas and to his heires and to his assignes, ayenst alł maner of peple shalł warantiȝe for eu*er*. In witnesse of the wiṫ thynge to this p*re*sent chart*er* they have putte to ther seales, These beyng witnesse: Thomas Dentoⁿ the eldir, Thomas Dentoⁿ the yonger, William Ielys, Io*n*ṫ Langfeld, Io*n*ṫ Dentoⁿ, and other. The date at wightham aforsaid, the iiij^th^ day of Iuyłł, The yere of the reigne of kyng henry the vj. after the conquest xxxj.

by Richard Stonley, of Carter's-place,

and of parcel of Chalcroft.

[49.] A Charter of Thomas wylcokkis, Clerk, confermyng to Alexandre Martyn*e*, Edmond Argentein*e* and Io*n*ṫ Rudyng Clerkis alł that mese w*ith* gardeyn*e* liyng to called Cartersplace w*ith* londes, medis, lesues, pastures, wodis, vndirwodis and iiij. Buttes of arable lond w*ith* alł ther p*er*tynentis in wightham.

1465, Sept. 6.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Thomas wylcokkys, Clerk, yaf, graunted, and by his p*re*sent chart*er* confermed, to Alexandre Martyn*e*, Edmond Argentein*e*, and to Io*n*ṫ Rudyng, Clerkis, alł that his mese, wiṫ gardeyn*e* liyng to, in the towne

Grant to feoffees, by Thomas Wilcocks,

*leaf 204, back.

of Carter's-place,

and of parcel of Chalcroft.

of wighth*am* * in the Counte of Berkshire, called Cartersplace, with londes, medis, lesues, pastures, wodes, vndirwodes, and all other p*er*tynentis overall. And also he yaf, graunted, and by his chart*er* confermed, to the forsaide Alexandre, Edmond, and Iohn, iiij. Buttes of arable lond lyng in a crofte called Chalcrofte, in the north p*ar*te of the same crofte, in wightham aforsaid: which forsaid mese, with londes, medys, and all other before rehersed, late I[1] had of the yifte and feffement of Richard Stoneley and kateryne his modir: To haue and to hold, the forsaid mese, w*ith* a gardeyn*e* lyng to, londes, medes, and all his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Alexandre, Edmond, and Iohn, to the*re* heires and to ther assignes, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyces therof dewe. And the forsaid Thomas and his heires, the forsaid mese, w*ith* gardeyn*e*, and all other before named, to the forsaid Alexandre and Edmond and Iohn to the*re* heires and to the*re* assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shall warantize for evermore. In witnesse of the which thynge, to this p*re*sent chart*er* he sette to his seale; These beyng witnesse: Iohn Denton, Thomas Peny, Clerk, William Hows, John Hows, John Ferme*re*, and other. The[2] date at wightham aforsaid, the vj^te^. day of Septembre, The yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the Fourthe after the conquest v^te^.*

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[1] The translator retains the first person, by a slip.

[2] The last few deeds seem to have been copied into this English Register just subsequent to the completion of the translation of the Latin Register. They are incomplete, affording no clue as to how these lands and houses came to Godstow.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

[Boarstall: see under Oakley]

[Dinton]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291, the Godstow properties at Dinton and Little Missenden are put together as being in Wendover rural deanery, and are estimated to be worth £1 7*s.* 8*d.* yearly. At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow received (*Monast.* iv. 374) from 'Donyngton' rectory and the yardland at Ford £16 10*s.* yearly, and paid 2*s.* quit-rent to the earl of Huntingdon, and 8*s.* 5*d.* to the poor, by doles at St. Thomas the Apostle and Easter. The deeds relating to the hamlet of Ford are given under its own name.]

[50.] *Chartur of Aliȝ of Mynchonsey of iij acris in doninton.

* leaf XXV or 36, back. About 1170.

Grant to St. Peter's church, Dinton, by Agnes of Mynchonsey,

* leaf XXVI or 37.

of three acres, and the tithe of hay.

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat Aliȝ[1], þe dowht*er* of pagane þe sone of Iohn, gaf & grauntid̃, to god & to þe churche of seint petur of doninton, iij. acris of londe of her
4 lordshippe, þe whyche lien vppon Ackenham nihe * þe londe þat was bawdewyne fraunces, & all̃ þe tithe of all̃ her̃ hei of doninton, in-to pure & fre & p*er*petuel almis, for the helthe of her sowle & of all̃ her aunceturs: & þat her gifte sholde
8 not be reuokyd̃ a-geine, she strengthid̃ hit w*ith* her writinge, & w*ith* her̃ seele: & is w*ith*-oute date.

[51.] * Chartur of Anneis of Mynchonsy þe dowht*er* of pagane þe sone of Iohn of a winde-mille in donynton.

* leaf XXV or 36, back. About 1180.

Grant to Godstow, by Agnes of Mynchonsey,

of a windmill

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat agneis[1], þe dowht*er* of pagane þe son of Iohn, for þe helþe of his[2] sowle & for þe helþe
12 of all̃ his[2] auncet*ur*s & of all̃ his[2] heiris, gaf & grauntid̃, in-to pure & fre & p*er*petuel almis, to god & to þe churche of our̃ lady & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, & to þe Mynchons ther̃ seruinge god̃, his[1] winde-mille þat stondit vppon hoge wiþ-oute

[1] Agnes de Monte Canisio, or de Munchenesei, a great benefactress to Oseney (Rev. H. Salter).

[2] 'his' should be 'her.' The translator often makes this mistake in charters where a lady is the donor.

[Aylesbury] and four acres.

þe towne of doninton, nyhe þe hy wei þe whiche strecchith fro Oxenford toward Alisburi, & iiij. acris of his[1] londe þat bin next to þe wei & to þe mille & strecchen fro þe mille toward þe est, to be had for euir & to be hold, freli & quietli fro all seculer 4 seruice: & þat her graunt shold be sure & sad[2], she strengthid hit with her seele & is with-oute date.

* leaf XXV or 36. About 1180. Grant to Godstow, by Agnes of Mynchonsey, of the rectory of Dinton, for endowment of the infirmary at Godstow, with a request for a cell of Godstow at Dinton.

[52.] * A Chartur of agnes the dowhter of Pagane of þe churche of donington.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat agnes, þe dowhtur of pagane þe sone of Iohn, gaf & grauntid, to god & to þe churche 8 of oure lady & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe holi minchons þere seruinge god, nameliche to þe susteininge of seke mynchons of þe infirmarie[3], for þe helþe of þe sowle of lorde henri kynge & of his sonis & of his grauntesire kynge 12 henri & for þe helth of his[1] owne sowle & of his[1] predecessours & of his[1] successours, his[1] churche of donington, in-to perpetuell almis, fre & quiete fro all seculer seruice & exaccōn, with all his pertinences, in tithis & offeringis, in londis & medis & pasturis. 16 He[4] grauntid also to þe foreseide holi minchons, if hit plesid god & þe Abbas of þe churche of Godestowe & to all þe couent, an howse of her profession to be sette in þe foreseide donington: & is with-oute date. 20

About 1180.

* leaf XXV or 36, back. The grant to Godstow, by Agnes of Mynchonsey, of the rectory of Dinton (no. 52) is subject to the life interest of the incumbent, who is to

[53.] An oþer chartur of donington.

THE sentence of this chartur is, þat annes, þe dowhtur of pagane þe * sone of Iohn, gaf & grauntid þe churche of doninton[5], with all his pertinences, to þe Infirmarie of Godestowe to susteine seke minchons, in-to perpetuel almis & quiete fro all ertheli 24 seruice, vndur this condicion þat Bartholmewe þe clerke, þe sone of Iohn clerke, sholde holde þe fore-seide church in-to a perpetuel vicariage, þat is to sei, in medis in pasturis & in londis, in tithis & in offeringes, & in all þinges perteininge to þe 28 same churche, painge yerli to þe fore-seide minchons x. mark of siluer at iiij. termis, at cristemas, ij. marke & j halfe; at estur, ij. marke & j halfe; at þe fest of petur & poule, ij. marke

[1] i. e. her.
[2] 'Coram viris honestis fide confirmavit.'
[3] ¶ *for seke mynchons*, note in margin.
[4] i. e. She.
[5] MS. 'dominton.'

& j halfe ; & at Mihelmas, ij. marke & j halfe : & þe fore-namid Bartholmewe sware & confirmid a-fore honest men, by his trowthe, þat he sholde finde þe sonys & þe dowhters of Iohn clerke his broþer aftur his power & aftur þat his goode miht suffise : &, aftur þe decese of þe fore-namid Bartholomew, þe fore-namid churche sold bide vtturli quite to the fore-seide minchons. Also if þe abbas & þe conuent of þe churche of Godestowe wolde make an abbey þat minchons sold dwell here, if þei sawe þat hit were to þe profite & availe of all þe couent : and is wyth-oute date.

pay Godstow a pension of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly.

Request for a cell of Godstow at Dinton.

[54.] * The institucion of doninton bi Robert Archidecun of Bukingeham.

* leaf XXVI or 37. About 1180.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Robert (of Burnham), archdeacon of Buckingham, of no. 52.

THE sentence of this institucion is, þat Robert, archedecun of bukingham, willid to be know, to all pepull at þat time & þat were to come afterward, þat he had laufulli institute, & sette in, þe abbas of Godestowe, & all þe Couent of the same place, in þe churche of Doninton & in all his pertinences, & þat at þe peticion, axinge, and presentacion, of anneis of Minchonsey : & þat þis institucion sholde be ferme & sure, he confirmid hit with his seele & writinge.

[55.] Chartur of Raph of Mynchonsey of þe churche of doninton.

About 1180.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Ralph of Mynchonsey, of his mother's gift, as in no. 52.

THE sentence of þis writinge is, þat raph of Minchonsei gaf & grauntid, & confirmid with his writinge, to god & to þe churche of our lady & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons þere seruinge god, þe churche of doninton, with all his pertinences, in-to perpetuell almis, fre & quiete fro all seculer seruice & exaccion, as anneis hir modur gaf & grauntid to þe foreseid Minchons, & as hir writinge wittnessith : & is with-oute date.

[56.] * Chartur bitwene hugh aldrede of forde & william helie.

* leaf XXXIX or 49. About 1330.

Sale to William Helie, by

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat hugh aldred of forde gaf, grauntid, & confirmid, to william helie, for his homage & seruice, ij. acris & j half of his arable londe with all his pertinences,

Hugh Aldred, of 2½ acres,

liinge in þe bowndis of þe towne of donington: where-of j halfe acre lieth of þe weste side of þe gardine of þe courte of donington, bitwene þe londe of william hirke of þe sowþe side & þe londe of walt*er* bisshopiston of þe norþe side, & strecchithe him-selfe towarde þe west in-to þe forowe of wàtur*e* kniht & towarde þe est in la grene diche of þe west side of þe fore-seide gardine; & j acre liethe vppon goshei of þe weste p*ar*te, bitwene þe londe of Robert blake of þe sowthe p*ar*te & þe londe þ*at* was of Gefrei burgeis of þe northe p*ar*te, & strecchithe him-selfe in-to þe king*es* wei toward þe est, & j halfe acre of þe same acre more sowther strecchithe i*n*-to þe forowe of edithe blakistan & anoþ*er* halfe acre more northe strecchiþe him-selfe in-to þe forowe of william paumer; & j halfe acre strecchith him-selfe in lengthe vppon þe hill fro þe felde of hedenh*am* vn-to þe londe þat Ric*hard* albod helde toward þe est, & liethe in brede bitwene þe londe þ*at* Ric*hard* cniht helde & þe londe þ*at* Thomas fitz Godwine helde; & j halfe acre strecchith him-self in lengthe fro þe londe þ*at* Rob*er*t dunston helde vn-to þe wei þ*at* ledith to hedenh*am*, & liethe in brede bitwene þe tenement þ*at* willi*am* hirk hilde & þe arable londe of þe fore-seide william hirke: to be had & to be hold, of him & of his heiris, to þe fore-seide william of heilei & to his heiris or to whom-so-eüir or whenne-þ*at*-euir he wolde gif, biqueþe, selle, or assine hit for riht heritage, freli quietli pesibli & holli for euir*e*, painge þerof yerli to him & to his heiris v. d of silu*er* at iiij. t*er*mis of þe ye*re*, þat is to sei, at mihelmas j d q*ua.*, at martinmas j d q*ua.*, at cristemas j d q*ua.*, and at estur I-flowrid j d q*ua.*, for all seruic*es* customs & demaundis: & for þis gifte graunt & confirmacion þe fore-seide william heilei gaf to him xl. s*hillings* of silu*er* in warison: & þe fore-seide hugh aldred & his heiris warantizid acquitid & defendid þe fore-seide ij. acris & j halfe of arable londe w*ith* all his p*er*tinenc*es* to þe fore-seide william heilei, & to his hei*ris or to his assinis, ageiniste all men liuinge for euir, bi þe fore-seide seruice. In-to witnes þ*er*-of he sette to his seele: & is w*ith*-oute date.

described in half-acre strips.

Quit-rent, 5*d.*

* leaf XXXIX or 49, back.

[FORD, in Dinton parish; see p. 63.]

[1. Deeds about land.]

[57.] * Chartur of philip fitz hugh west de la forde of j mese *with* þe *per*tine*n*cis in the same towne.

* leaf XXXVIII or 48, back. About 1282. Sale to Godstow, by Philip West, of a croft and meadow, held of Godstow.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*a*t philip fitz hugh west de la forde gaf, grauntid', & confirmid', to god' & to þe churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons
4 þ*er* seruinge god' & to serue for euir, all his mese, curtilage, his hole crofte & mede dichid' rownde a-boute & closid', in þe towne of forde, euin as þe markis shewin, bitwene þe seide mese & þe mese of henri bacun vppon þe est side & þe londe that sum-time
8 was of pikot vppon þe west side, þe whiche mese curtilage and hole crofte & mede hugh his fadur helde sum time of þe fore-seide minchons in fee & heritage; to be had & to be holde, w*it*h all her p*er*tinence*s*, in medis pasturis & wate*r*s & all oþ*er*
12 fredoms longinge to þe fore-seide mese curtilage crofte & mede, of him & of his heiris or his assinis, to þe fore-seide minchons & to here successours, in-to pure & p*er*petuell almis, w*it*h-oute oni agein holdinge to him & to his heiris or his assinis for euir;
16 & þe seide philip & his heiris or his assinis warantizid' acquitid' & defended' for euir to þe fore-seide minchons & to here succes-sours þe fore-seide mese curtilage croft & mede, w*it*h all her p*er*tinence*s*, in all place*s* & fredoms & eschete*s*, ageiniste alle
20 men & women boþe Iues & cristinmen, w*it*h here owne coste*s*: & for þis gifte graunt warantizinge acquitinge defendinge & confirminge, þe fore-seid' minchons gaf to him xiij. marke of silu*er* a-fore hondis in warisone. Furþ*er*more þ*a*t his gift graunt
24 warantizinge aquity*ng* and defendinge sholde be sure and stable for euir, he put to this writinge his seele: & is with-oute date.

[warranty against Jews.]

Purchase money, £8 13*s.* 4*d.*

[58.] * A quiete-claime of henri weste de la forde of j mese *with* þe p*er*tinence*s*.

* leaf XXXIX or 49. 1282, April 23. Quit-claim to Godstow, by Henry West, brother of

THE sentence of þis quiete-claime is, þ*a*t henri west de la forde, þe sone of hugh west, relesid' & vtt*ur*li quiete-claimid',
28 for him & his heiris, to þe abbas of Godestowe & to þe minchons þer*e* seruinge god', all þe riht & claime þat he had' or in oni

the vendor, of all title in no. 57.

wise miht haue in all þat mese, curtilage, crofte & mede I-dichid' in euiri side & I-closid', as þe markis shewin, in þe town de la forde, bitwene þe mese & þe crofte of henri bacun & þe londe þat was sum time of Iohn pikot, þe whiche mese curtilage crofte & mede with all here pertinences philip his brother gaf & incharterid' to þe fore-seide abbas & minchons of Godestowe, so þat noþer he ne none of his heiris sholde neuer aske ne chalenge oni riht or claime in all þat mese or in parte of þe curtilage crofte & mede a-fore namid'. In-to witnes of þis þinge he sette to his seele: þe date at Godestowe, in seint Georgis dai þe martir, þe x. yere of þe reine of kinge Edwarde.

* leaf XXXIX or 49, back. $13\frac{40}{41}$, Febr. 19. Quit-claim to Godstow, by William Heri, of all right in two cottages.

[59.] * A quiete-claime of william heri for ij. cotages & ij. curtilages in þe town of ford'.

THE sentence of þis quiet-claime is, þat william heri[1] remittid' relesid' & vtturli quiet-claimid', for him & for his heiris, to dame margeri dine, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place & to here successours, all his riht & claime þat he had' or miht haue in oni wise in ij. cotages, with ij. curtilages liinge þer-to, in þe town of ford', þe whiche cotages with þe curtilages bin bitwene þe mese of agneis bacun & le buri wei, as certen markes þere yeuin & shewin; so þat noþer he noþer his heiris ne non oþer in his name miht not aske ne chalenge here-aftur in þe seide cotages with curtilages liinge þer-to oni riht or claime in time to come. In-to witnes here-of he put to his seele: þe date at Godestowe, þe monedai next aftur þe feste of seint valentine, þe xiiij. yere of þe reine of kinge Edwarde.

[NOTE.—'14 of king Edward' would be $128\frac{5}{6}$, but Margery Dine was abbess in Edward III's reign: and so it must be 14 Edward III.]

[2. Deeds about the chapel of Ford.]

* leaf XXXIX or 49, back. 1313, May 1. Proceed-

[60.] * Courte[2] franciplege or lawdais I-holde for þe chanteri of forde.

DONINGTON, at[3] þe lawdai, I-holde þe twisdai in þe feste of þe apostolis philip & Iacob, þe vj. yere of þe reine of kinge

[1] Cp. 'Helie,' p. 65.

[2] In the Latin copy: 'Curia tenta franci plegii pro canteria de la ford.'

[3] 'Ad visum franci plegii, tentum.'

Edwarde, william edrich, tetheman, & his felawis I-swore, presentid' þat þe chaunteri þat was wonid' to be do in þe chapel of forde bi thre dais in euiri woke of þe yere, hit is withdrawe now
4 bi sire Robert þe vicari þat is nowe; & þat þe seide chauntri of þe seide chapel was do * fro þe time of þe fundacion of þe seide chapell bi þe persons of donington, þe which haddin of þe lorde þat was þat time j yerde of londe in forde in-to helpe to þe seid' chapel to be susteinid' & þe seide chaunteri to be do; Also þei sein plainli þat, aftur þe churche of donington was gif to þe abbas of Godestowe, þe seide chauntri[1] was euer I-do bi all her vicaris vn-to þe comin of j alein þat was her vicare bi Mastur Robert
12 kenelingworthe, whiche withdrowe maliciusli & gilfulli þe seide chauntri, to þe disheritinge of þe lorde; & for-asmuche as þe abbas of Godestowe, þe whiche holdiþe þe same yerde londe, iustifieth not her vicare to þe seide chauntri to be don, ideo[1]
16 & *cetera* in mercemente; & for þat, þat sir Robert, þat was þat time vicare, knowlichith for to do þe fore-seide chauntri in full courte, & did hit not bi too yere to-gedur but with-drowe hit in-to preiudice of þe lorde, ideo[2] & *cetera*.

ingsagainst Robert, vicar of Dinton, for neglect to supply services in the chapel of Ford, * leaf XL or 50. as provided for by an endowment, and fines imposed on him.

[Note.—The date is given as '6 Edward,' which, if Edward I, would be 1278, but in that year May-day fell on a Sunday. The year is probably 6 Edward II (see preceding section), 1313, in which May-day fell on Tuesday. The proceedings were taken in the court leet of Dinton manor, on presentation by the sworn jury of tithing-men (decenarii).]

[61.] * An eschete ageinist þe vicari of doningto[n] for þe chaunteri of þe forde.

* leaf XXXIX or 49, back. About 1356. Proceedings in the king's court for Buckinghamshire against Thomas Malet, vicar

20 The sentence of þis euidence is, þat petur of Salford, escheter of þe kinges in bokingham-shire, to Iohn Stokes, Richard wedon, & hugh michel, of þe kinges be-halfe commaundid', to the[m] I-ioinid' to-gedur & to eueriche of hem, þat all þei or on of hem
24 sholde distreine Thomas, vicari of þe churche of donington, þorow all his londis & catall in his bailif-wike, & þat þei sholde answere of þe getinge of þe same to þe kinge, so þat he

[1] 'Dicta canteria semper extitit facta per quoscunque vicarios suos usque adventum cuiusdam Alani qui ibidem fuit vicarius per magistrum Robertum de Kenellworthe, qui maliciose et fraudulenter ad exher[ed]itationem domini.' Something seems left out.

[2] The ordinary formula of the manorial courts on finding a person guilty is 'ideo ipse est in misericordia,' the 'mercy' implying a fine not fixed by statute, but assessed by the two 'affeerers' of the court itself.

of Dinton, for failing to provide services in Ford chapel.

shulde finde a chaplein to singe masse in þe chapel of forde euiri woke in þe yere bi thre dais, where-to þe seide Thomas & all his successours bin bounde fro time oute of minde for j yerde-londe þat þe ladi of donington gaf to þe seide abbas of Godestowe in-to pure and perpetuel almis, & for to satisfi for þe time of withdrawinge of þe fore-seid chauntri bi viij. yere apaste & more, as hit is I-preuid bi inquisicion I-made a-fore me: & how þe commaundiment is executid, let me haue knowliche at next shire. In-to witnes of þis þinge þe seele of þe foreseid shreuehode was put þer-to.

* leaf XL or 50. 1356, Sept. 20.
* leaf XL or 50, back.
Promise by Thomas Malet, vicar of Dinton, made in the ecclesiastical court,

that he will provide the services in Ford chapel.

[62.] * Sentence vppon þe chauntери of þe chapell of Forde.

* THE sentence is þis, þat sir Thomas malet, vicari of þe churche of donington of lincolne diocese, comperinge personalli a-fore mastur william downe, officiall of lincolne, in þe dai & place with-in I-wrete, seide þat he wolde cese strife I-meuid a-geiniste him a-fore þe discrete man, mastur Iohn Cudington, person of þe churche of Staunton seint Iohn, his commissarie special in þis parte, at þe instance of þe religious women, abbas & couent of þe monasteri of Godestowe of þe seide lincolne diocese, for þe occasion of with-drawinge of a chauntери in þe chapell of Forde with-in þe parisshe of þe seide church of donington sette. þe fore-seide vicari offred him-selfe a-redi to stonde to þe lawe thorowe all þinges & to supporte þe burdon of þat chauntери aftur þe custome of time I-passid a-fore; (& so forth hit folowith, euin þe same sentence worde for worde as hit is I-write in þe iuggement a-fore[1].) & vppon þis he gafe iuggement þat, aftur his owne wilful confession he sholde be bownde to kepe þe seide chauntери & to supporte hit, & þe iugge sittinge in iuggement condempnid him lawfulli & customabli þorowe all þinges. In-to witnes of þese thinges he lete write & to publisshe þis opin instrument þat is I-write hole in [the] boke of euidences & to strengthe hit bi þe hanginge to of his seele. These þinges were I-gife & actid in þe parisshe of Carthrop of lincolne diocese þe yere fro þe incarnacion of our lorde, aftur þe cowrse & cowntinge of Inglonde, Millesimo CCCo lvj, þe ix. indiccion of þe bisshophod of þe moste holi fadur in crist &

[1] Now no. 64.

lorde, lorde Innocent þe vj., pope, þe iiij. yere, þe xx. dai of septembre. & to kepe alł þe fore-seide þinges & neuer to do ageiniste hem or oni of hem, þe fore-seide vicari made a bodili
4 oþe, towchinge with his hondis the holi godspellis. & henri Elsham, clerke of þe seide diocese, a-fore a commune notari, sawe herd & wrote alł þese þingis a-fore, & I-praiide made alł þese actes to be turnid in-to a commune forme & sinid hit with his
8 sine & name, in-to feiþe & witnes of þe þinges a-fore I-put.

[63.] Instrument opin of þe chaunteri of Forde.

1356, Sept. 20.

Acceptance of promise (as in no. 62) by the bishop of Lincoln's official.

THE sentence of þis instrument shortli is, þat aftur þat he had made a wilfułł knowlich & submittid him selfe to supporte þe seide chaunteri, þe seide commissari, mastur william downe,
12 assoilid him, & lete make vppe þe instrument with his seele I-sette to & þe sine of þe notari aforseid.

[64.] * Iugement I-made bi þe officiałł of Oxenford.

* leaf XL or 50.
1356, Sept. 24.

Formal decision of the ecclesiastical court as to the services in Ford chapel,

THE sentence of þis iugement was þis, þat religius men, þe abbot of osenei, & þe prior of frideswith, & þe denis of Oxen-
16 ford & of wendouer, of lincolne diocese, assinid iugges bi þe official of lincolne, bi-twene Thomas malet, vicari of donington of þe seide diocese, & þe abbas of Godestowe & þe couent of þe same place, comperid a-fore hem sittinge in iugement: where
20 þe seide Thomas knowliche þat boþe he & his predecessours vicarijs, of þe seide churche, did to be do a chaunteri in þe chapel of forde, monedai, wodenisdai, & fredai, eueri yere; & þei knowlechid þe burdon of þe supportinge of þe same chaun-
24 teri with her owne costis, & þat þei were wonid to do, support, & knowe, & make to be seide, diuine seruices þere, bi a conuenient chaplein, þe fore-seide dais, with her owne costes; & þat þe same Thomas, for powrenesse of his vicariage, as he seide,
28 withdrow þe fore-seide chaunteri bi certeine time, & wold not knowe þe burdon of þe same aftur þe vse & maner of þe time a-fore I-passid: willinge & consentinge expresli þat fro þat time forthe he wolde make to be do þat maner of chaunteri, &
32 wolde bere þe burden þerof, like as hit was wonid; & þat he sholde be condempnid sentencialli bi þe seide iuggis to be vndur

repelling the vicar of Dinton's plea of the poverty of his vicarage, and binding him to perform them.

supportid' & know þe burdon perpetuell of þe fore-seide perpetuell chaunteri in þe seide dais. Aftur his owne propur confession I-do iudicialli a-fore hem, thei condempnid' & commaundid him þat he shold' do þis maner of chaunteri to be do as he was spedili astreinid. For þis cause, & for his knowlich I-made a-fore þe seide official, þei, aftur his commission & maundement I-made to eueriche of hem & to all to-gedur, sholde condempne þe fore-seide vicari to do þe fore-seide pinges & to obei þe condempninge bi þe sensures of þe churche & þe aggreffe of hem spedili. Furþermore, þe seid' official chargid' hem to compelle him lawfulli, as ofte & whenne þei were requirid' dewli, for þe parte of þe seide abbas & couent. To þe which all & eueriche to be do, he committid' his stede to eueriche of hem, with þe powere of lawful constreininge ; & what thei did' in þis maters, þei sholde certifie bi here patente letters þe[1] & processe of þis iuggement conteininge as ofte & whenne þei were requirid'. The date at Staumforde, xxiiij. dai of the moneth of septembre, þe yere of owre lorde Millesimo CCClvj.

* leaf XXXIX or 49, back. 1374, Sept. 22. Licence by John Bokyngham, bishop of Lincoln, to the inhabitants of Ford, sanctioning their having services said in Ford chapel by competent chaplains.

[65.] * Confirmacion of Iohn bisshop of lincolne of þe chauntrie of þe forde.

THE sentence of þis confirmacion is, þat Iohn̄, bisshop of lincolne, grauntid' to men dwellinge & women in þe towne of forde, in þe parisshe of donington of his diocise, þat þei miht lete to sei masses to be seide, & oþer diuine seruices, lawfulli, bi conuenient chapleinis, in þe fore-seide chapell of þe towne of forde, so þat none oþer sacramentes of þe churche sholde be ministird' þere ; & leste þat oni preiudice wer̄ do to þe person[2] or vicari bi hit, he grauntid' special licence to hem, bi þe tenowre of þis writinge, [to] presente vn-to þe nexte visitacion. In-to witnis of þis he put to þis present writinge his seele. The date at Sleford', xxij. dai of september, þe yere of oure lorde Millesimo CCClxxiiij° & of his consecracion xij.

[NOTE.—This deed seems to imply that, since Godstow and the vicar appointed by Godstow failed to supply the services, the inhabitants now sought to do so by themselves paying a chaplain.]

[1] *Sic* in MS. Something left out. [2] persona = rector.

[HUGHENDON.]

[NOTE.—The locality is fixed by the witnesses (Exchequer MS.), viz. Alexander of Hamden; Henry, parson of Hamden; William Russell of Coleshull; William Waud of Wicombe. This particular acquisition was soon lost amidst the Wycombe property of Godstow. There is no other separate mention of it.]

[66.] * A Charter of Raynold Denor fitz Richard I-made to Pagane of Godestowe for a Grove in his wode in the towne of Hegeden[1], & *cetera*.

* leaf 149, back. About 1200?

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raynold[2] Denor fitz Richard yaf, & *cetera*, to Pagane of Godestowe, for his homage and seruyce and xxviij. *shillings*, the whiche he yaf to hym in warison, I grove of his wode in the towne of Hegenden, *with* his *per*tynentis, that is to sey, that [which] is I-called hegyng-grove, and hit strecchith hit-self in length toward the South and the northe bitwene the wey[3] and the arrable lond, the which conteyneth in length, fro the Beche[4] to the north hede, by *per*che of xviij. fote, toward the stonycrosse by *per*chis of xviij. fote; and is in brede[5] toward the sowth hede, of ij. perchis and i. fote, and in the myddel, of v. *per*chis and an half, and at the north hede, beside the Beche aforsaid, of xxij. fete: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to them and to ther heires or whom-so-ever they wold yeve or assigne or bequeth hit, frely quyetly wele and in pease heritably and holy, *with* all fredom to the said grove *per*teynyng, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes i. d. at Mighelmasse, for all *ser*uyce and exaccion and for all seculer demaund that myght be axed of the wode or lond: and Raynold aforsaid and his heires warantized and defended all the forsaid grove, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Pagane and to his heires or to whom-so-eu*er* he wold yeve hit, assigne, or bequeth hit, ayenst all men and women, by the *ser*uyce aforsaid. And that this yifte, & *cetera*.

Sale, for £1 8*s*., by Reginald of Denore,

to Pain [probably steward] of Godstow, of a strip of wood.

[The Beech-tree].

[1] 'Hegenden' in the Latin copy (Exchequer MS.).

[2] 'Reginaldus de Denore,' ibid.

[3] i. e. the highway.

[4] 'A fago': probably some conspicuous tree. Read: 'which contains in length from the beech at the north end to Stonicroft, twenty-eight perches [measured] by the perch of eighteen feet' [used for measuring woodland]. So in Great Waltham manor, Essex, the arable was (1609) measured by 'the pole of 16½ feet,' but the woodland by 'the pole of 18 feet.'

[5] i. e. in breadth at the south end.

[ICKFORD.]

[NOTE.—First mentioned in pope Celestine III's confirmation, 1192. At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow held (*Monast.* iv. 373) two copyhold yardlands in Ickford, receiving from them 15*s.* yearly.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 64. About 1190. Grant to Godstow, by Bartholomew of Ickford, of a rent-charge of 6*s.* 8*d.*, with feudal superiority over a virgate.

[67. * Charter of Bartholomew of ycforde.

BARTHOLOMEW of Ycford, with leave of his lord Richard son of William, also with consent of his own wife Maud and his son William, for the souls of his father and mother and for the health of himself, his wife, and relatives, gave to Godstow half- 4 a-marc of rent, viz. that land which Henry Flamang holds in Ycford with all its pertinents in wood and plain, etc., free from all services.

Witnesses:—Robert of Witefeld; Walter, chaplain of Gode- 8 stowe; Robert of Bolebec; William of Baggehurst, etc.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 64. About 1190. Confirmation to Godstow, by William, son of Bartholomew, of no. 67.

[68. * Charter of William son of Bartholomew of Hicford.

WILLIAM son of Bartholomew of Hickford confirms to Godstow his father's gift, viz. of the yardland in Hickford, which Henry Flemyng held, and for which Henry Flemyng and his 12 heirs are to pay Godstow half-a-marc yearly.

Witnesses:—Adam, Walerand, Jordan, and Walter, chaplains of Godstow; William of Baggehurst; Fulc Brehille.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 64 and 64, back. About 1210. Confirmation to Godstow, by William, son of Bartholomew, of no. 67.

[69. * Charter of William of Hicford of a yardland.

WILLIAM of Hicford gives to Godstow a yardland in Hicford, 16 viz. that which his father[1] Bartholomew gave, viz. that which Henry le flamyng held.

Witnesses:—Robert le megre; Ralph Harang; Robert of Cesterton; Hugh le poure; Henry, steward of Godstow; Ralph, 20 son of Ralph Harang.]

[1] ? Grandfather.

[70.] *A Charter of henry Tullus of Ickeford, I-made to Robert Tullus, for a mese, with the pertynentis, in the towne of Ickeforde, and a yerde londe, with the partynentis, & *cetera*. * leaf 152. About 1220.

THE sentence of this charter is, that henry Tullus of Ickeford yaf, & *cetera*, to Robert Tullus his sone, for his homage and seruyce, i. mese, with the pertynentis, in the towne of Ickeford 4 and a yerde of lond, with mede and pertynentes longyng to the forsaid mese in the medys of Ickeford, the which mese and the which yerde lond henry Flemyng somtyme held: To be had and to be holde, to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or his 8 assignes, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly pesibly holy and fully, in weyes in pathes in medys in pasturis in waters and fedyngis, and with all libertees longyng to the forsaid lond, yeldyng perof yerely to them and to ther 12 heires i. d. at Mighelmasse, and to the Abbey of Godestowe half a marke, that is to sey, at the natiuité of seynt Iohn Baptist xl. d and at the fest of seynt Andrew thappostle xl. d, for all seruyce exaccion and demaund. And the forsaid henry 16 and his heires warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid mese, with the pertynentis, and the forsaid yerd lond, with the pertynentis, to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or his assignes ayenst all men for euer. And that all these afore write 20 thyngis, & *cetera*.

Grant to Robert Tullus, by his father Henry, of a messuage and yard-land, late Henry Flemyng's, subject to 6*s*. 8*d*. quit-rent to Godstow.

[71.] *A Charter of henry Tullus, I-made to Robert Tullus his sone, for a mese with the pertynentis and a yerde lond with mede and pertynentis longyng therto in the feldis of Ickeford, yeldyng therof the same rente as hit is I-writte in the charter afore next, worde by worde, & *cetera*. * leaf 152, back. Duplicate of no. 70.

[72.] A Charter of Emme, the wyf of henry Tullus, I-made to Robert Tullus her sone, for a mese with the pertynentis in the towne of Ickeford and a yerd of lond with the mede and pertynentis longyng therto. About 1220.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Emme, the wyf of henry Tullus, yaf, & *cetera*, to Robert Tullus her sone, for his homage Confirmation to Robert

Tullus, by his mother Emma, daughter of Henry Flemyng, of no. 70.

and seruyce, i. mese, with the pertynentis, in the towne of Ickeford, and i. yerde of lond, with mede and pertynentis longyng therto[1] the said mese in the feldis of Ickeford, the which mese and the which yerde lond henry Flemyng somtyme held: 4 To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or to his assignes, of her and her heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly fully and holy, in weyes and pathes in medis and pasturis in watirs and fedyngis, and with other 8 liberteis longyng to the forsaid lond, yeldyng therof yerely to her and to her heires i. d. at Mighelmasse, and to the Abbesse of Godestowe half a marke, that is to sey, at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist xl. d and at the fest of seynt Andrew xl. d, 12 for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the forsaid Emme and her heires warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid mese with the pertynentis, and the forsaid yerde lond with the pertynentis, to þe forsaid Robert and to his heires or assignes 16 ayenst all men and women for euer. And that thise, & *cetera*.

* leaf 152, About 1220.

[73.] *A Charter of Emme, the doughtir of fitz henry Flemyng, somtyme the wyf of henry Tullus of Ickeford, I-made to Richard her sone, for his lond with mede and mese with theire partynentis in the towne and feld of Ickeforde.

Quit-claim to Richard Tullus, by his mother Emma, of all right in no. 70.

THE sentence of this charter is that Emme, the doughter of Henry Flemyng, somtyme the wyf of Henry Tullus of Ickeford, yaf & *cetera* to Richard[2] his sone, for his homage and seruyce, all 20 her lond, with mede and mese and other pertynentis longyng to the said lond, in the towne and feld of Ickeford, the which she held of the abbesse and couente of Godestowe. She yaf also and graunted to the same Richard all the right, fredom, and 24 clayme that she had in the forsaid lond, with the pertynentis, or ever had or myght haue: To be had and to be hold, with all the pertynentis and *liberteis, of her and her heires, to the forsaid Richard and to his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly 28 wele and pesibly, bothe with-out and with-in the towne, in all

* leaf 152, back.

[1] in error for 'to.'

[2] The Latin also has 'Richard.' The Christian name in nos. 70, 72 may be in error; or Robert may have died, and a brother Richard have taken his place.

placis and esementis longyng to the said lond, yeldyng therof yerely to the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe half a marke of siluer at ij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist iij. *shillings* iiij. d, And at the fest of seynt Andrew the appostle iij. *shillings* iiij. d, for all *ser*uyce seculer, customs, and exaccions, sutis of courtis, and all demaundis, savyng kyngis *ser*uyce also moche as longith to the same tenement of the same towne of the same fee. And the forsaid Emme and her heires warantized aquyted and defended all the forsaid lond, *with* all the *per*tyne*ntes* afore-named, as hit is aforsaid, to the forsaid Richard and to his heires and assignes, by the forsaid *ser*uyce, ayenst all men for ever. And for this yifte, graunte, & *cetera*, the said Richard yaf to the mynded Emme xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis before handes into warison. And þat þis, & *cetera*.

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[74. *Charter of John of Hicford.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 64, back. 129⅘, Jan. 14.

JOHN of Hicford confirms to Godstow the yardland given by his father[1] Bartholomew, viz. that which Henry le flemyng held.

Witnesses: John son of Nigel, knight; John of Greynvyle of Chilton; Odo of Watlington; Edmund of the park of Wodestoke.

At Godstow, morrow of St. Hilary, 1294.]

Confirmation to Godstow, by John of Ickford, of no. 70.

[75. *Charter of a yardland in Hicford of the gift of Sir Thomas of Appleton.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 64, back. About 1300?

SIR THOMAS of Appleton, knight, gave to Godstow a messuage in the town of Hicford with a yardland and the meadow belonging to it, which Roger son of Hereward fulb. once held in vilinage, free of all service.

Witnesses: Sir Fulk of Ruycote, knight; William, master of Godestow; William, chaplain of Godestow; John, son of Nigel of Borstalle.]

Grant to Godstow, by Sir Thomas of Appleton, of a messuage and yardland.

[1] His ancestor?

[Little Missenden.]

[Note.—At the dissolution (1540) the land Anfric in Little Missenden parish yielded Godstow £3 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly: *Monast.* iv. 374.]

*leaf VII or 19, back. 125$\frac{8}{9}$, March 23.

Sale to Godstow, by Ralph and Agnes Chendut, [Introit of IV Sunday in Lent.] of land called Anfric, late held by Sir Ralph of the checur [Ralph de Ely occurs Baron of the Exchequer, 1241]. Sale-price £35 6*s.* 8*d.*, besides taking his sister-in-law Katherine into a nun's place without a portion. The sellers to find their own and their servants' 'horse and harness' while obtaining confirmation in the king's court. Payment to be in two

[76.] *A q*uiet clayme of certeyn lond*es* made to þ^e^ A[bbess] of G[odestowe] by R[alph] Chendut.

The sentence of thys a-corde is, that bytwene the lady of Godstowe & the couent of that on party, & Raph Chendut & agnes hys wyfe of that othyr party, at Godstowe, the sonne-day in the whyche is songe 'letare I*erusale*m,' the yere of kynge henry the sonne of kynge Iohn̄ xliij^o^, so, that is to say, that the seyd Raph hathe left & claymyd' to be in rest for hym selfe, by the consent & the assent of agnes hys wyfe & of hys heyrys, all̄ the ryht & clayme that they haddyn or myht haue in the londe that is callid Anfric, the whyche sumtyme was of sir̄ Raph of the checur̄, uppon ryngeshull̄[1] *in* the parisshe of litil Myssynden, w*ith* all̄ hys p*er*tinences, in medewys, pasturys & in wodys, w*ith* out ony w*ith*-holdynge a-geyne, that may longe to hem or to her̄ heyrys in ony maner of wyse, to the seyd' Abbas & couent of Godstowe & to her̄ successours for euyr. For thys quiete-claime & reles, the seyd abbas & holy mynchons of Godstowe yafe to the seyde raph & agnes hys wyfe liij^o^. marke & made katerine, the syst*ur* of the seyd agnes (wyfe of the seyd raph), Mynchon in the monasteri of Godstowe w*ith* the costys of the hows: & the same Raph, by the bettyr councell̄ & prouidence of discrete men, w*ith*-out tariinge or slewthynge, al so sone as hyt myht lawfully be done, w*ith* the hows costys, he sholde more-ouyr make hys wyfe to make the seyd londe to be charturd' in the kyngys courte, out-take that the seyd raph shal fynde hors & harnes to hym-selfe & to hys wyfe & to hem that were of hys howshold' al so longe as they laboryd' a-bout the purchesynge of the kyngys chartur; and the seyd holy my[*n*]chons of Godstowe shold' pay to the seyd raph & agnes hys wyfe xxv. marke of the forseyd liij. marke i*n* that day in the whyche the fore-seyd' katerine sholde be delyuerd' to hem to be norysshyd' & to be made mynchon in the same place & in the whyche the

[1] This, by the map, ought to be *Kyngeshull̄.*

seyd' penyes shold' be payd'; but whenne the chartur in the kyngys court was leueyid', in the place puruyid' by the consent of both partys, all the residewe of the forseyd summe of money
4 ou*er* xxv. marke vn-to liij. marke shold' be satisfyed' to the seyd raph & agnes hys wyfe by the seyd abbas & holy mynchons, in the same day þ*at* the chartur was leueyid', a-fore[1] or the chartur wer' deliuyrd' [to] the seyd holy mynchons, vndur peyne of x. marke
8 to be payd' to raph & agnes hys wyfe to-gedur w*ith* the p*rin*cipal dette that was not payd'. Also the seyde holy mynchons of Godstowe grauntyd that they myht dystreyne thorowe londys rentys & catell' where-so-euyr they weryn in the power of the
12 ky*nge* of almayne by the baillys to the forseyd couenaunt surely to be kept yf they may dystreyne lawfully. And yf hyt happun that the seyd' raph doo gylfully in ony man*er* wyse a-geynyst the forseyd couenaunt, that he shold' be constreynyd' to hold'
16 couenaunt by lyke dystreynynge; & yf hyt happun or case falle that in no wyse the forseyd' couenaunt myht be stable and sure by the seyd' raph & agnes hys wyfe, the seyd raph shold' paye ageyne *xxv. marke, payd' by fore hond' to the same raph, to the
20 seyd' holy mynchons w*ith*-in iij. monethys next folowynge, & that[2] was iugyd' by dyscrete men, w*ith* lyke peyne as hyt is a-fore; & then the seyd' lond' of anfric, w*ith* hys p*er*tynences, sholde byde in the state in the whyche hyt was a-fore thys couenaunt, tille
24 the tyme that hyt wer*e* iugyd', a-fore the kyng*es* iuge, who of hem had more ryht to hyt (that is to sey, whether the abbas of Godstowe & the couent, or the seyde raph & agnes hys wyfe), but[3] that pese wer*e* reformyd' w*ith* a bettur condicion by-twene
28 hem & strife I-cesid. And, yfe all thyng*es* as wer' a-fore dyuisid' myhtyn haue a goode effecte & ende, aftur þ^e^ chartur were leueyid, the seyd' raph shold' make to the seyde holy mynchons hys chartur of feffynge to hem & to her' successours of all the
32 for*e*namyd' londe w*ith* hys pertynenc*es* for hym-selfe & hys heyrys or hys assynys. And that all these thyngys a-fore seyd' myhtyn a-byde ferme sure & stable, the seyd abbas & couent & the seyd' raph of Chendut haue put to her' seelys, euyryche
36 a-geynyst othyr, to the wrytynge I-made like a chartur: & is w*ith*-out date.

instalments, (*a*) at Godstow, when Katherine enters Godstow, (*b*) at a place to be agreed upon, when confirmation is got. Godstow is bound to these conditions, by distraint over lands of the fee of Richard, earl of Cornwall [King of the Romans, 1256]. Ralph Chendut also binds himself to carry out these covenants. *leaf VIII or 20.

Ralph Chendut, after the king's court assented to the sale, must make a charter, confirming 'Anfric' to Godstow.

[1] i. e. or before.

[2] i. e. whatever compensation-money was, &c.

[3] but that = unless.

125⅝, March 24.

[77.] **A quietans of Raph Chendut of xxv. marke made to y^e^ mynchons of Godstow.**

Acknowledgement to Godstow, by Ralph Chendut, of payment of £16 13*s.* 4*d.*, in part payment of no. 76.

THE sentence of thys quietans is, that Raph Chendut & agnes hys wyfe (the dowhtur of syr raph of the checur) wyllydden to be knowe that they receyuyd of the holy mynchons of Godstowe xxv. marke of st*er*lyngys, of liij. marke in the whych the seyd mynchons were I-bounde to pay to the forseyde Raph & agneys for the peece & couenaunt I-made by-twene the bothe p*er*tyes for the londe of anfric, as hyt is conteynyd in the chartur by-twene bothe partyes forseyd I-made; & that none askynge were there-of afturward of the seyd holy mynchons by the seyd raph & agneys hys wyfe of the forseyd xxv. marke. I-gyfe at godstowe in the vigil of the annunciacion of our*e* lady, the yer of kynge henry, the sone of kynge John, xliij.

* leaf VII or 19. About 1259. Confirmation to Godstow by Adam Sperling, as feudal superior, of a portion of no. 76,

[78.] *** A q*ui*et clayme by A. S. of o pece [of] lond*e* to ye A[bbess] of G[odstowe] *in* Muss*ynden.***

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that **Adam Sperlinge** of kyngeshull g*ra*untyd & claymyd [to be] in pees & rest, for hym & hys heyrys, to the abbas of Godstowe & to the couent of the same place & to her successours, j. pece of londe w*ith* hys p*er*tynens, the whyche raph of the checur sum tyme had of the forseyde adam Sperlynge, the whyche pece of londe strecchyth hyt self in lengthe nyhe the watur in the parysshe of litill Myssynden euyn streyht a-geynyst the Mylle, willinge the for-seyd pece of londe to be had & holde to the same * Abbas and couent a-fore seyde & to her successours, herytably, frely & in rest, for hym & for hys heyrys for euyr, paynge yerly to hym & to hys heyrys iij. d, that is to say, at the fest of seynt Myhel j. d. ob., & at the fest of our lady in Marche j. d. ob., for al seruice & demaundys; &, that he her-aftur ne none of hys heyrys miht axe ony thynge of ryht or of clayme in the forseyd pece of lond, he set to hys seele to thys for-seyd chartur: & is w*ith*-out date.

* leaf VII or 19, back.

subject to a quit-rent of 3*d.*

*leaf VIII or 20. 1286, April.

[79.] *** a final a-corde I-made in þ^e^ kyng*es* court at wycombe by-twene the Abbas of Godestowe & willia*m* hyebry*n*ge for þ^e^ lo*n*de of anfric.**

Sale to Godstow, by the heirs

THE sentence of thys euydence is, that a final concorde was made in þ^e^ kyng*es* cowrt at wycombe fro estur day in-to thre

wokys, the yer of the reyne of kynge Edwarde, the sone of kynge henry, the xiiij, a-fore Iohn of walys, William of Maham, Roger Loueday, Iohn of Metyngham, & Nicholas le gras, Iustices iurnaynge, & othyr trewe men of the kyngys part there beynge present, bytwene william of hye-brynge & katerine hys wyfe & raph the sone of raph Chendut, asker, and Mabili wafre, Abbas of Godstowe, tenent, by Edmunde of parke in her place or styd to gete or to lese, of on yerdlonde with hys pertynences in kyngyshull in the paryshe of litil Myssyndyn, where-of 'Assise [of] hys auncetur dede' was take by-twene hem in the same court, that is to sey, the forseyde william & kateryne & raph knowlychyd, or made a recognicion, the foreseyd mese & londe with hys pertinences to be the ryht of the abbas & of the churche of our lady seynt Marye & of seynt Iohn baptist of Godstowe, & they haue relesyd & claymyd hyt to be in rest of hem & her heyrys raph & kateryne, to the fore seyd abbas, & to othyr abbasses the whych shull succede to hyr, & to hyr forseyd churche for euyr. And for thys reconysaunce, reles & quiete clayme, fine & acorde, the same abbas gafe to the forseyd william kateryne & raph x. marke of sterlingys.

of Ralph Chendut,

[Assisa mortis antecessoris *or* of mort d' auncester.]

of all claim in no. 76.

Purchase money, £6 13*s.* 4*d.*

[80.] A couenant I-made by-twene þe Abbas of Godstowe & Richard bacheler of ij. acris at anfric.

1322, Nov. 1.

THE sentence of thys conuencion is, that a couenaunt was made by-twene dame margery dyne, Abbas of Godstowe, & the couent of the on part, & Richard bacheler of lytyll Missenden of that othyr party, that is to sey, that the seyd abbas (dame * Margerie) & the couent tokyn & leten to the forseyd Richard & Malde hys wyfe, for a summe of Money the whyche the forseyd Richard & Malde yaf to hem by-fore hondes, to acris of londe with the pertinences in the parysshe of litul Missenden; & tho two acris lien at anfric, in lengthe by-twene the lond of henry taylfer vppon the northe part & the kyngys wey vppon the southe part, & in brede by-twene the felde that is callid the stonyfeelde vppon the west part and the kyngys wey vppon the est part, as the markes & departyngys vppon euery syde techen & shewyn. Also the seyde abbas & couent willid to the for-seyd Richard & Mald the fore-seyd ij. acris of londe with her pertinences, to haue &

Grant by Godstow, to Richard and Maud Bacheler,

*leaf VIII or 20, back.

of two acres in life-rent.

holde hem vn-to þe ende of her liuys, frely in rest, well & pesybly, of the chefe lordys of the fee by the seruice dewe & vsyd ther-of: and the forseyd Dame Margery & the couent warentyd the fore-seyd ij. acris of londe *with* the pertinences to the for-seyd Richard & Mald vn-to her liuys ende a-geynst all pepull. In-to wytnes ther-of they put to here seelys to the wrytynge therof endentyd, euerych a-geynyst othyr. I-geyf at Godstowe in the fest of all haloun the yere of kynge Edwarde the sone of kynge Edward xvj.

[Oakley in Boarstall Parish.]

* leaf 153. About 1198.

[81.] *** A Charter of Emme Bray, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for half a mese in Oclee, j acre, j Crofte, j yerde lond, that is to sey, xij. acris vpon Innesdon and the other parte of bonde lond, with all ther pertynentis, and xl. hogges in his[1] wode quyte fro pannage.**

Grant to Godstow, by Emma Bray,

The sentence of this charter is, that Emme Bray graunted & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, for the helth of the soules of her fadir and modir and of her children and of all her benefetours and for the helth of her sowle, half a mese that was of John Maunsell, and j acre, a crofte, a yerde lond, that is to sey, xij. acris vpon Innesdon and the other perte of bonde lond, *with* all ther pertynentis and fre customes, in wode and playne, in mede and pasture, in weyes and pathis, and xl. hoggis in his[1] wode quyte of pannage, into pure fre and perpetuel almesse, and quyte fro all seculer seruyce and all exaccion that longith to hym[1], Savyng the kyngis seruyce: To be hold of her and her heires for ever. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

of a messuage, lands,

and pasture-right for 40 pigs.

About 1198.

[82.] **A Charter of Emme Bray, I-made to the mynchons of Godestow, for j yerde lond in Borestall, *with* j mese, and j acre lond to the Crofte of that hyde that longith to Oclee, & *cetera*.**

Duplicate, but in slightly

The sentence of this charter is, that Emme Bray graunted, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther

[1] i. e. her.

seruyng god, for the helth of the sowles of her fadir and modir and children and of all her benefetours and for the helth of her soule, j yerd of lond in Borstall, with a mese, and j acre lond to the crofte of that hyde that longith to Aclee, with all his pertynentis and fre customes, in wode and playne, and mede and pasture, and weyes and pathes, and xl. hogges in her wode quyte fro pannage, into perpetuel almesse, and quyte fro all seculer seruyce and all exaccion that longed to her, Savyng the kyngis seruyce: To be hold of her and of her heires for euer. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

different words, of no. 81.

[83.] A Couenaunt I-made bitwene the Abbey of Tame and the abbey of Godestowe for j yerd lond in Oclee to be hold of theym. A.D. 1198.

* The sentence of this writyng is that there was a couenaunte I-made the ix. yere of kyng Richard, bitwene the abbey of Tame, and the Abbey of Godestowe, þat the abbey of Godestowe, with the assent of Emme Bray, toke, and in writyng confermed, to the abbey of Tame, j yerde on lond in Oclee, fynally to be hold of them, with all his pertynentis and his fre customs, in wode and playne, mede and pasture, in weyes and pathis, fre and quyte fro all seculer seruyce that longed to them, Savyng foreyn seruyce, for viij. *shillings* yerely at ij. termes, that is to sey, half at Ester and half at myghelmasse. And this is the yerde lond the which the forsaid Emme Bray yaf to the mynchons of Godestowe in Oclee and confermed hit with her charter. And she graunted to the same mynchons of Godestowe xl. hoggis in her wode euery yere, quyte fro pannage to her yerd lond. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 153, back.
Grant by Godstow, to Thame Abbey,
of the land as in no. 81,
at a quit-rent of 8*s*.,
reserving to Godstow the pasture-right for 40 pigs.

[Turweston.]

[84.] *A Charter of Raaf Stonylle, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for half a marke of siluer of the mylle of Torueston, & *cetera*. * leaf 169. About 1280?

The sentence of this charter is that Raaf Stonylle[1] yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, into pure and perpetuel almesse, for his helth and

Grant to Godstow, by Ralph Scovilla,

[1] Read 'Scouylle.' Radulfus de Scovilla of Turweston made gifts to Einsham and Oseney.

[burial at Godstow]

of a rent-charge of 6*s.* 8*d.*, issuing out of the mill.

for the helthe of laurence his wyf and for the sowles of his auncetours and for the helthe of his successours, with his body and the body of the forsaid laurence his wyf, half a marke of siluer yerely[1] of the rente of his mylle of Toruestoñ, into whos- 4 euer hande the forsaid mylle were to be take, at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, atte fest of seynt Petir that is I-called Ad uincula, xl. d; and atte fest of our lady in marche, other xl. d. And þat þis, & *cetera*. 8

1308, May 10.

[85.] A Charter of Moolde vptoñ, abbesse of Godestowe, pardonyng to Emme that was somtyme the wyf of william of mylles of Toruestoñ all the arreragis of theire Rente, & *cetera*.

Agreement by Godstow to excuse arrears of the rent-charge (no. 84), due 8 Sept. 1307,

on condition of the tenant re-building the mill.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Moolde vptoñ, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, remytted and pardoned to Emme, that was the wyf of William of the mylles of Toruestoñ, all the arreragis of theire rente the which they 12 were behynde before, vnto the fest of the Natiuite of our lady the first yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kynge Edwarde; So that the forsaid Emme and her heires shold make and bilde agayne the forsaid mylle, with theire owne costis, afore 16 the fest aforsaid, And pay afterward euery yere the forsaid rente, that is to sey, vj. *shillings* viij. d. to them in wonyd termes, truly without gyle: or els this present writyng shold be had for nought. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, 20 the x. day of may, in the yere abouesaide.

[WESTBURY (near Brackley).]

* leaf 151. About 1220.

[86.] *A Charter of Raaf Harange, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for j oke and a cartlode of roddys in his wode of westbury.

Grant to Godstow, by Ralph Harange,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raaf harange yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, in-to pure and perpetuel almesse, for the helth 24

[1] The rent-charge is mentioned in the 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* of pope Nicholas IV, in Buckingham deanery.

of hym his wyf and his children, and for his fadirs and modirs sowles and aunceturs soules, j oke and j cartlode of roddis in his wode of westbury, yerely to be take at these termes, that is
4 to sey, in march a cartlode of roddes, and at whitsontyde an oke[1]. And he and his heires warantized for euer that same almesse to the forsaid holy mynchons, & *cetera.*

of wood-rights.

[WYCOMBE.]

[1. Documents relating to the rectory.]

[NOTE.—At the dissolution, 1540, the rectory was valued (*Monast.* iv. 374) at £16, and Godstow paid out yearly 7*s.* 8*d.* for procurations and synodals, and 16*s.* 8*d.* to the poor at Christmas and Easter.]

[87. *Charter of King Henry.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 152, back. About 1175. Grant to Godstow, by Henry II, of the rectory.

HENRY, king of England, lets French and English know
8 that he has given to Godstow the church of Wycombe.

Witnesses:—G[eoffrey Ridel] bishop of Ely [1174–89], John [of Oxford] bishop of Norwich [1175–1200], Richard of Lucy, William of Boketot, etc.]

[88. *Charter of the church of Wicumbe.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 153. About 1175. Confirmation to Godstow, by Richard, Archbishop of Canterbury (1174–84), of the rectory.

12 RICHARD, 'minister' of the church of Canterbury and primate of England and legate, confirmed to Godstow the church of Wycombe of the institution of G[eoffrey Plantagenet] bishop elect [1173] and the presentation of the king of England.
16 Witnesses:—Walter Baioc[2], archdeacon; Mr. P. Blesensis[3]; William of Norhall; Mr. Robert of Inglesham.]

[89. *Collation of Wycombe Church by W. bishop of Lincoln.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 153. A.D. 1184.

Collation of the rectory to Godstow, by the diocesan.

P. surrendered the church of Wycombe, which he had of the gift of the king of England. The bishop [Walter de
20 Constantiis, 1183–4] gave the church to Godstow.

Witnesses:—Robert [de Burnham], archdeacon of Buckingham; Osebert of the chamber of the king.]

[1] Perhaps in view of repairs to Godstow houses in Brackley. The feudal superior generally provided the timber for repairs of the housing of copyholds.

[2] i. e. of Bayeux.

[3] Peter of Blois, cancellarius to the primate (1173).

* Exchequer MS. leaf 152, back. About 1200. Confirmation * leaf 153. to Godstow, by William of Boketot (of the rectory?).

[90. *Charter of William of Boketot.

WILLIAM of Boketot confirmed to Godstow king Henry's gift of Wicumbe *as they held it in the time of king Henry and John, count of Moret*ain*.

Witnesses:—Michael de Bosco, Robert Pemart, Ralph of Peletot.]

* Rawl. MS. leaf 183. 1331, Nov. 27.

[91.] *A Couenaunte I-made, bytwene the Abbesse of Godestowe, and sir*e* Iohn Colemañ, p*er*sonñ of Glatton, and sir Rob*er*t at the walle, p*er*petuall vicary of Makesey, for the p*er*sonage of wycombe to ferme I-sette for x. yere, & c*etera*.

Lease by Godstow, to John Coleman (of Glatton, Huntingdon) and Robert atte Walle (of Maxey, Northamptonshire), * leaf 183, back. Translation of Thomas Becket = July 7.] for ten years, of the rectory of Wycombe and its profits, reserving to Godstow the tithe of flax and hemp.

THE sentence of this covenaunte is this, that the xxvij. day of Nouembre, the fyfte yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde, hit was accorded bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and the Covente of the same place of the one p*ar*tie, and sir Iohn Colemañ, p*er*sonñ of the chirche of Glattonñ, and sir Rob*er*t atte walle of Newendeñ, p*er*petuell vicary of Makesey, ioyntly and departyngly of the other p*ar*te So that the one shold not better than the other, that is to sey, *that the forsaid Abbesse and Couente toke, graunted, and lette to ferme, to the said s*ers* Iohn and Rob*er*t and to her executours, fro the day of the transulacionñ of seynt Thomas the martir next after the day of the makyng of this present writyng vnto the ende of x. yere fully complete next folowyng, [the[1] manor of the rectory of Wycumbe] with all cornys, heyes, wolles, and lambis, rentis, londis, and customs, and with all and everich p*ro*fitis and tythis, the forsaid t*er*me duryng, fallyng chaunsyng or longyng to the said Rectorie or p*ar*sonage in ony wise, out-take[2] all lynnen and hemp comyng to the said chirche, the whiche were reserved to the Covent of Godestowe. To the which covenaunte truly to be hold, the forsaid abbesse and Couente bounde them self and ther goodes in þ*er*e maners, wherso-ever they were I-founde, to distreynyng of all þe forsaid of the chirche or of the seculer*e* p*ar*te. And for the said ferme the forsaid Iohn and Rob*er*t, pease I-supposed

[War risks excepted.]

[1] Accidentally omitted in the English. The Latin is: 'manerium rectorie de Wycumbe.'

[2] Latin: 'exceptis linis et cambris.'

and had of that countre[1], shold susteyne and leve that manere aforsaid in al so good state or better than they resceived hit. And they shold repaire sufficiantly the chauncell of the said chirche in all couerynge to all that *ter*me aforsaid, all casis of fortune out-take the which shold not be put to them nother to ther executours, to the which the said Iohn and Rob*ert* bounde not them-self. And the said Abbesse and Couente shold fynde grete tymbre to all the workes in the said manere, whan that hit were nede to be amended and I-covered. Yeldyng therof yerely, duryng the *ter*me aforsaid, to the seid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe xx. li. of good and lawfull money in the *ter*mes vndir-writte, That is to sey, in the fest of the Annunciacion of oure lady, x. li, and in the fest of Seynt Margarete, x. li; And to the Priour of Beke Harlewyne, viij. li., that is to sey, iiij. li. in the fest of Seynt Mighell and iiij. li. in the fest of þe Annunciacion of oure lady; Also they shold paye to the Courte of wallyngford, half a marke by yere; and to sire Iohn Cromwelle, xij. d; And to the Burgeys of wycombe, rente dewe to them; And to the Archidekon of Bokyngh*am*, *pro*curacy. And the forsaid Iohn and Rob*ert* [should find] one chapeleyne, with ther owne costis, dayly syngyng in the chirche of wycombe at all the *ter*me aforsaid. And the saide Iohn and Rob*ert* shold pay eu*er*y yere, duryng the forsaid *ter*me, iiij. mark to the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe the which were specially assigned, that is to sey, to pay at the fest of all seyntis; And iiij. * shillyngworth of Cakys[2] specially I-assigned to the forsaid abbesse and Covente, That is to sey, To be paid at the fest of seynt Iame[3]. And that the Abbesse in her every comyng shold haue easementis of houses in the same man*er* aforsaid. And the said Iohn and Rob*ert*, the *ter*me aforsaid ended, shold, as good husbondis, shold sowe the londis of the said maner to be sowe, and delyuere them so I-sowe into the handes of the said Abbesse and Couent: And[4] they sowed lesse of a quart*er* the yere last of the *ter*me aforsaid than in the yere of this makyng were I-sowe, they shold to the said abbesse and Couente satisfye of the

The lessees to repair (*a*) the manorial buildings, (*b*) the chancel of the church (in ordinary cases), Godstow providing timber.

Rent = £20 yearly, besides paying to Bec Abbey £8 yearly (no. 95), and 6*s*. 8*d*. to Wallingford Court-Leet, and other yearly dues.

Lessees to provide a chaplain for the Walder chantry (no. 102); to pay to Godstow £2 13*s*. 4*d*. pittance on Nov. 1,

* leaf 184.

and 4*s*. worth of cakes on St. James's day;

to give the Abbess houseroom in her circuits.

Tillage conditions.

[1] Latin: 'supposita pace illius patrie,' i. e. district. In manorial deeds 'patria' is used generally to express the township, or district, belonging to the manor.

[2] Latin: 'quattuor solidat*as* artocoporum.

[3] St. James = July 25.

[4] 'and' = if.

Still those cakes! Reservation of power to distrain for rent.

residue of the sede. And the said Iohn and Robert shold make to cary the said Cakis vnto Godestowe with there owne costis. And yf hit happened the said Iohn and Robert to hold stille the said payment, in parte or in all, as hit is aforsaid, over a moneth after certeyne termes aboue I-writte, or faile in the paiyng, hit shold be lawfull to the said abbesse and Couente to the said maner of the parsonage to entir in, and to mynystre the goodes ther I-founde, with-holde, and selle as they semed best, tille they were fully I-satisfyed of the forsaid payment, with the mysis and expensis I-had by the defaute of the said Iohn and Robert or of ther executours. To the which payment and couenaunte to be keped truly in all these articles, the forsaid Iohn and Robert bounde them-self and euerych of them in the hole and theire executours and all ther goodes mevable and vnmeuable, londes and tenementis, where-so-ever they were I-founde, bothe in the same manere or elles-where, to the distreynyng and cohercion of the seid Abbesse and Couente, and of all Iuges bothe seculer and of the chirch. And the terme of x. yere I-ended, the forsaid maner of the parsonage of wycombe to turne agayne to the forsaid abbesse and Couente fully. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the day and the yere abouesaid.

[2. Documents relating to tithe in Wycombe.]

* leaf 177. A.D. 1235.

[92.] *A sentence for the tythes of Wycombe.

Commission issued by pope Gregory IX (1227–41),

THE sentence of this sentence is, that the Priour[1] of Seynt Frideswith of Oxenford and the deene[2] of yifteley toke the popes maundement in these wordes:—

to investigate the claim of Godstow for tithes said to be withheld.

Gregory, bisshop, seruant of the seruantes of god, Sende willyng helth and his blissyng to his welbeloued children, Priour of seynt Frideswith and of yifteley deene. The abbesse of Godestowe and the Couente of the same place shewed to hym that Abbottis of Beke and of Eynysham and some other of lyncolne wynchestir and worcestir diocises wronged hem vpon tithis and other thynges. Therfor he comaunded by his

[1] Helias, prior 1228–35.

[2] Rural dean of Iffley.

writyngis to ther discrecion, that, the p*ar*ties I-called, they shold here the cause, and appele I-put a-side, they shold t*er*me hit w*ith* a dew ende, makyng that that they decreid surely to be kepid by the censure of the chirche; and the witnesses that were I-called, yf they w*ith*-drewe them-self for fauour, haterede, or drede, they shold constreyne them by the same censure, appele cesyng, to bere witnesse to the trouthe. And yf ye may not all be at these thyngis to be executed, tweyn of yow nathelesse shold execute hit. The date at Ana*ger*, kalendis of Octobre, the vij. yere of his bisshoprich.

[Formula of a papal commission.]

= 1234, Oct. 1.

By the auctorite of this maundement ther-fore, they called * before them the lordis and possessioners and tenauntis of the mylles in the parissh of wycombe afore them p*er*emptorie, the which I-sette afore them, the abbesse and Couente of Godestow, comperyng by sir Gilbert Vyam, ther p*ro*curatour I-ordeyned to all the cause, þ*er*e content I-purposed afore ayenst the forsaid, [the] abbesse and covente of Godestowe axed vndir this forme, in the maner of ther chirche of wycombe, the tithes of the mylles in ther parissh of the chirch of wycombe, that is to sey, of William Heryn*e*, of his two mylles the whiche ben I-called Burne mylles; of Alice Anguot and her p*ar*tyners, of the mylle that is I-called Bruge mylle; of Richard of Croy*e*den*e*, of the mylle that is I-called pannmylle; of Henry Chesemonger and his partyners, of ij. mylles that ben I-called Robynmylle; of William, of his mylles that ben I-called Gyuant; of John ludewater, of his mylle; of Martyn*e* Fuller fulerant; and they axed of all the forsaid, tythes of the forsaid mylles, for they longe to them of the comon law, for they ben I-sette with-in the lymytes of ther parissh of wycombe, and they entende the axyng of the þyng. The entente I-p*ur*posed, they graunted the said tythes to be sette with-in the lymytes of ther parissh of wycombe. Wherfor the Iuges, heryng the knowlech aforsaid, Iugged diffynytifly to the said mynchons, in the name of ther chirch of wycombe, the said tythes of mylles for ever*e*, as I-sette with-in the lymytes of the parissh of wycombe, Comaundyng to the deene of Merlawe that he shold brynge into the possession of the tythes of the said mylles the said mynchons, and that he shold acurse solempnely the agayn-sayers and troublers of the seid possession, reseruyng to them-self power furthermore, whan

* leaf 177, back. Godstow, as rector of Wycombe, asked tithes of all mills in Wycombe,

viz. Burne mills (2), Bruge mill, Pann mill,

Robyn mills (2), Gyvant mill, John Ludwater's mill, and the fulling mill.

On the owners admitting that their mills were in Wycombe parish, judgement was given for Godstow.

[Rural dean of Great Marlow.]

they sey hit to be expedient. And into perpetuel witnesse of the same thynge, they putte to this writyng theire seales, & *cetera*.

* leaf 171. About 1220.

[93.] * A Charter of Ranulph generall procurature of the Abbot of Beke grauntyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all the tythes in Wycombe parisshe, & *cetera*.

Lease to Godstow, by Bec-Herlouin abbey, Normandy,

of the tithe of Milo Crispin's demesne,

and of a rent-charge on the Exchequer:

rent £3 yearly.

THE sentence of this composicion is that Ranulph, procura- 4
toure of thabbot and Couente of Beke, havyng generall and fre admynstracion of all theire goodes in Englond, willed to be know that, by the auctorite of the forsaid Abbot and Couente the whiche he had in this parte, to have graunted, to the chirche 8
of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god, all theire tythes that they had in Wycombe of the yifte of Milo Crispyne, that is to sey, all the tythes of the demayne of the same towne (excepte thritty acris the which 12
longith to the chirche of Wycombe), and xviij. *shillings* that þei were I-wonyd to take at the chekour at london of the rente of Wycombe: To be hold to perpetuell ferme, of the forsaid Abbot and Couente of Beke, vndir a pension of iij. li. at ij. 16
termes, that is to sey, in the fest of seynt Mighell xxx. *shillings*, and in the fest of oure lady in marche xxx. *shillings*, And that this graunte, & *cetera*.

[NOTE.—Comparison with the Latin (Exchequer MS. leaf 154, back) shows that the translation is inexact. The tithes in Wycombe given to Bec by Milo Crispin were 'of his demesne in Wycombe, except the tithe of the thirtieth acre which should go to the church of Wycombe.' The witnesses are:—Hugh, abbot of Abingdon (died 1221), John of St. Elen, Robert of Seuecurd (=Seukeworth). In the Exchequer MS., leaf 192, are some excerpts from the Great Roll of 6 Henry II (1160), in Buckinghamshire, showing that the chamberlain received £72 of the 'firma' of Wycombe with tithes, and that he paid out 18*s*. to the monastery of Bec, and 13*s*. 4*d*. to the church of the town.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 154. A.D. 1235. Decision by a papal commission in a suit

[94. * Suit between Bec abbey and Godstow about tithes in Wycombe.

THE prior and precentor of Dunstaple and the sacrist (as 20
sub-delegate of the prior) of Caldewell, acting on a commission, dated v kal. Maii, 7th year of his pontificate (=1234, April

27), of pope Gregory IX, issued to the prior and precentor of Dunstable and the prior of Caldewell to examine the complaint of Bec abbey that the abbeys of Abingdon and Tewkesbury and 4 others were withholding tithe from them, gave this decision between Bec and Godstow. Of the demesnes of G[ilbert] Basset and R. de Velpont [1], Bec shall take all tithes of the ancient demesne, saving to the mother church wholly the thirtieth acre, 8 as they were accustomed to take of old; but of the assarts and of all land hereafter assarted, Bec shall take two-thirds, reserving the other third to the mother church. Of all other tithes Godstow shall take two thirds, reserving the other third to the 12 parish church. Bec abbey agrees not to ask from Godstow costs of the suit.]

about tithe between

Bec abbey

and Godstow.

[95. * Of tithes in Wycumbe parish.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 154.

FRIAR WILLIAM of Ginewill, proctor of Bec Abbey, granted Godstow a lease, beginning Peter and Paul (June 29), 1254, of 16 all the tithes, more or less, which Bec had in Wycombe, together with a rent-charge of 18*s.* issuing from the Exchequer, on condition that Godstow should pay yearly * at Ockeburn major [2] twelve marcs of silver to the proctor of Bec, viz. six marcs at 20 Michaelmas and six at Lady day, and incur a penalty of one marc (13*s.* 4*d.*) for each week the rent should be in arrear. Dated the vigil of Philip and James, 1254.]

1254, April 30

Perpetual Lease to Godstow, by Bec abbey, of Bec rights in Wycombe for £8 a year.

* leaf 154, back.

[96.] * A Covenaunte or a Composicion bitwene the Abbot of Becke and the Abbesse of Godestowe for the tythes more and lesse that the Abbot of Becke hadde in Wycombe parisshe, & *cetera.*

* Rawl. MS. leaf 170.

1254.

THE sentence of this composicion is, that Rob*e*rt, by the grace 24 of god abbot of Becke, and the couent of the same place, willed to be knowe that they wold haue the composicion I-be-gonne bitwene Frere William Enmenylle [3] the gen*e*rall pr*o*curatour*e* in Englond, of the one partie, and the religious women abbesse and 28 mynchons of Godestow of the other p*a*rtie, I-ratified and sure, vpon the tythes both more and lesse that they had in Wycombe,

Confirmation to Godstow, by Bec abbey of the lease (no. 95) granted by their proctor.

[1] i.e. Robert de Vipont.

[2] i.e. Ogbourne in Wiltshire, where Bec had a cell.

[3] 'William of Guyneuill' in the Exchequer MS. (leaf 153, back).

with xviij. *shillings* they were I-wonyd' to take in the name of the tythe of the kyngis Eschekor, the which the saide procuratour toke to the forsaid' mynchons to *per*petuel ferme, for xij. marke of good' and lawfull sterlyngis, to be paid' wele and holy 4 every yere of the said' mynchons, to ther procuratour*e* that shold' be for the tyme, or to his *ser*uant, at Okebourne the more, for ever at ij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, in the fest of seynt Mighell vj. marke, and in the fest of the Annu*n*ciacion of our 8 lady vj. mark: So that yf the said' mynchons faile in the paiyng of the said' ferme in ony of the *ter*mes aforsaid', in alle or in p*ar*te, for every woke in the whiche they ceased' they shold' pay to ther p*ro*curatour*e* j marke in the 12

[Leaf[1] missing.]

* Exchequer MS. 1357, Sept. 23.

Licence to Bec, by Edward III, to sell the rent-charge (no. 95).

[97. * Grant by Edward III to Bec Herlewyne in Normandy.

EDWARD III, Sept. 23 of his 31 year of reign in England and 18 of France, recites that he had seized into his own hands the £8 which Bec had in Wycombe. He now gave Bec leave to convey the rent-charge to John of Talworth.] 16

* Rawl. MS. leaf 171. 1357.

Assignment to John of Talworth, by Bec abbey, of the rent-charge (no. 95) payable by Godstow.

[98.] * A Charter of a yifte I-made to Iohn Takworthe of Wycombe for viij. li.

To[2] the honourable lady of holy religion the Abbesse of Godestowe, Frere Piers, priour of seynt Steven of Okebourne, helth: he signyfied' that his hye Abbot of Beke, by the kyngis leve of Inglond', had' yeve and graunted' for all day to Iohn Talworthe 20 of wycombe all the rente of viij. li. the which ye were I-wonyd' to paye to[3] yowre chirche of wycombe: wherfor he willed' the said' rente to turne and to be paid' to hym, after the shewyng of the patente that the kyng sende yow by the said' Iohn. Full 24 worshipfull lady the holy gost have yow in warde or kepyng. By the Priour*e* of Okeburne.

[1] No doubt contained the two preceding documents, nos. 94 and 95.

[2] This document in the Exchequer MS. (leaf 154, back) is in French: the name is Peris of Seynt Stevene, prior of Okebourn.

[3] Read 'for.'

[3. St. John Baptist Hospital.]

[99.] * A Charter of the Abbesse of Godestowe, yevyng licence to the maister of the hospitall of seynt Iohn to sey masse in a Chauntry of hym, fyfe tymes in the yere.

* leaf 171.
1239, Nov. 13.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert, by the grace of god, bisshop of lyncolne, toke the popes lettres in these wordes:

Grant to St. John Baptist Hospital, Wycombe,

4 Gregory, bisshop, seruant to the seruantis of god, sende to his welbeloved brother bisshop of lyncolne halsyng and his blissyng; willyng hym to know that his welbeloved children, maister and brethern of the hospitall of seynt Iohn Baptist 8 of Wycombe, made a supplicacion mekely to hym that, for also-moch as they had a chapell I-made in theire house, I wolde fouchesauf to yeve them licence to haue ther owne * Chapelayne in the same; he willyng in his behalf to deferre 12 hit to hym *þat* was bisshop of the place, therfor he, that is to sey, he comaunded to his brotherhede that he wold yeve to them licence I-axed, yf he say hit to be goode withoute p*rei*udice of others right. The date at Peruse, the xiij. 16 kalende of Ienyvere, of his bisshophode the viij. yere.

by Robert Grosteste, bishop of Lincoln,

acting on instructions from Pope Gregory IX,

* leaf 171, back.

[Perugia, Dec. 20, 1238.]

Therfore by the auctorite of these lettres, of the consente of the Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, and of hubert the vycarye of the chirch of Wycombe, and also of the maister 20 and brethern of the hospitall a-forsaid, they graunted the chauntry in the forsaid chapell vndir the fourme vndir I-writte: that is to sey, that masse shold be solempnely I-songe all-only in the same chapell fyfe dayes, that is to 24 sey, in bothe dayes of seynt Iohn Baptist, j masse; and in bothe festis of seynt Thomas the martir, j masse; And in the third Feria of Rogacions, j masse: Also, in the same v. dayes, the chapell shall Ioye all offeryngis there I-do, and 28 to all comers, to bothe parisshens and straungers visityng that place, shold be fre sitty*ng*: And hit shall be ronge all-only in the same dayes to goddis service: And yf ony of the said festis falle on the sonday, First shall the masse [be i-songe] 32 in a compotent howre in the parissh chirche, lest hit be

and with consent of Godstow, of services in the chapel of the Hospital, on these terms:—
(*a*) High mass is to be sung only on five set days in the year, on which five days the chapel shall retain all offerings and shall be open to the public, and bells may be rung. [If a set day shall fall on a Sunday, the parish church service to have precedence.]

(*b*) Low mass may be said on other days, to inmates only, without bell-summons, the offerings to go to the parish church.
(*c*) The chaplain may administer confession and penance to dying inmates.
(*d*) The chaplain may take no fee of any parishioner to say mass for the dead, by year or by month, without the vicar's leave.
(*e*) The chaplain to take oath to observe these terms, and to be dismissed if he neglect them.
(*f*) The Master is also to take oath to observe these terms.
* leaf 172.
(*g*) These provisions being concessions to sick inmates, other seculars ministering there must, as other parishioners, attend the parish church on four set days, with due offerings.
(*h*) As a token of filial respect, the chapel is to give the mother-church yearly two

defrauded in takyng of tythes. And all other every dayes hit sold be lawful to syng j masse w*ith* a lowe voyce, and the belle suspended, and the parisshens of Wycombe I-excluded. And the chapeleyn*e* that sold mynystre for 4 the tyme in the said chapell sold take all[1] the offeryngis (ou[t]-take tho that comyn in the forsaid fyfe days), he sold yelde them trewly to the modir chirche w*ith*out lesnyng; and that he sold not do no sacrament but syng- 8 yng of masses, as hit is aforsaid, in that chapelle, but in case a nede fille, or axid hit, that the said prest mynystred the sacramentis of confession and penaunce to sike folke of the said hospitall labouryng in their last; other annuell, 12 other trentall, sold take of the parisshens of the modir chirche, but of licence and wille of the said vicary. Also the same chapeleyn*e* in his entryng sold be p*r*esented to the Archidekon of the place, and sold make to hym 16 reguler obedience of the indempnyte of the modir chirche, vndir the puttyng away for ever and suspencion vnto dew satisfaccion; and sold make a suerte by othe, afore the abbesse p*roc*toure, of the same. And[2] yf he were con- 20 victe afore the Archidekon vpon ony of the forsaid þyng*es* not I-keped by hym. The maist*er* also that sold be for the tyme sold swere in his entryng, towchyng holy thyngis, that he sold kepe the * modir chirche thurgh all thyngis harme- 24 lesse, after the fo*ur*me aboue I-writte. And, for al so moche that that is I-graunted for the nede of sike men for good deuocion, hit sold not turne to other mennes wronge, All the seculer men in the same howse mynystryng sold 28 come to the modir chirche as other parisshyns, with dew offeryngis and I-wonyd, iiij. sithis in the yere, that is to sey, Cristmasse day, Candelmasse day, Estir day, and the day of the pryncipall fest of the chirche. And that wor- 32 shipp*e* myght encrease to the abouesaid modir chirche by this graunte, the said chapell sold yeve to the said chirche ij. sergis of ij. li. of wexe in the day of the pryncipall fest

[1] The Latin is: 'omnes oblaciones (exceptis hiis que in quinque diebus pretactis pervenerint) provenientes sine diminutione matri ecclesie fideliter refundet.'

[2] The translator has dropped the first part of the clause 'under pain of perpetual removal, and suspension until full satisfaction be made, if he shall have been convicted before the archdeacon of any of the foresaid things by him not observed.'

every yere. And [yf] the maister of the house, by hym-self or by ony other, presumed to gete ony thyng ayenst this composicion or defiled the forme of the composicion in ony parte, when he were convicte or knowleched hit resonably, hit shold be lawfull to the Archidekon of Bokyngham to suspende the said chapelle fro the syngyng of divyne seruyce tille hit were competently I-satisfyed therof to the said modir chirche, as hit is I-prouided. Into witnesse and strengthe of all thyngis he made his seale, with thabbesse and Couente sealis of Godestowe, and of the vicary aforsaid, and also of the said brethern, to be putte to this writyng, the date at Missenden, the Ides of Nouembre, the .iiij. yere of his bisshopricke.

wax-candles on its chief festival.

(i) The chapel may be interdicted from saying service if these terms be violated.

[4. Foundation of Walder chantry.]

[100.] * A Confirmacion of William Walder confermyng the yifte that Adam Walder his brother made to the mynchons of Godestow for a tenemente in Frogmore, & *cetera*.

* leaf 174. About 1220?

THE sentence of this charter is that William Walder graunted and confermed, for hym and his heires, the yifte that Adam Walder his brother made to the Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of a tenement that Walder his fadir helde in Frogmore and of a tenement that Gerueyse lutered helde[1]. And William Walder and his heires warantized the forsaid tenement, with all the pertynentis, to the forsaid Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe ayenst all men and women for ever. And that this his graunte, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, by William Walder, of his brother Adam's gift of two tenements.

[101.] * A Charter of Adam Waldere, I-made to the mynchons of Godestow, for a house in Wycombe, a tenement, and vj. mesis and ij. seldis, and the rente of xx. *shillings* yerely, & *cetera*.

* leaf 172. About 1220?

THE sentence of this charter is, that Adam fitz Waldere of Wycombe graunted, lete, delyuered, and quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires for ever, to god & *cetera* and to the holy myn-

Foundation by Adam, son of Walder,

[1] See in next deed.

of a chantry in Wycombe church, under patronage of Godstow, to say mass for the founder, his father, mother, and wife. He gave, as endowment (*a*) a house; (*b*) a tenement; (*c*) six messuages; [Temple = Knights Templars.] * leaf 172, back. (*d*) two booths in Wycombe market; (*e*) eleven rent-charges.

chons of Godestowe ther *ser*uyng god, into pure and *per*petuell almesse, for the sowles of Walder his Fadir and of Aline his wyf, and for the helthe of his owne sowle and of Anneys his wyf, and co*m*monly for all trew cristen, quyk and dede, j house in the which waldere his fadir somtyme dwelled in Wycombe, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, savyng the services of the chief lordes, that is to sey, ij. s*hillings* by yere; and a tenement that Geruaise lutered somtyme held, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, sauyng the service of the chief lord*es*, that is to sey, ij. s*hillings* by yere and j d to the heires of the same Gerueise; and vj. mesis liyng evene streight ayenst the mylle that william fitz henry held somtyme, w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, savyng the services of the chief lordes, that is to sey, xij. d to the temple and viij. d to the lord of wycombe; And ij. seldis in the market of wycombe, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, the which lyen by the seldis that * Rob*er*t of Cromdene helde And the selde that Rob*er*t Rut held, savyng the service of the chief lordes, that is to sey, iiij. s*hillings* by yere; And the rente of xx. s*hillings* yerely in the same towne, that is to sey, iij. s*hillings* of a mese that Walter Poderugge somtyme held, the which mese lieth bitwene the mese that Clement Smyth held and a mese that Thomas Budekyne helde, and ij. s*hillings* x. d of a mese that Symond Tanner somtyme helde of the said Adam, that lieth bitwene þe mese that Rob*er*t hugedene helde and the mese that Symond held, And vj. d. of a mese that the seid Symond helde, that lieth bytwene the mese of the fadir of the same Symond and the mese that Suteman helde, And xvj. d. of a mese that walter watte helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Richard Rechel helde and that Geffrey Tanner helde, And iij. s*hillings* of a mese that Robert Casyer helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Richard Plomer helde and the water that is I-called gutter, And iiij. s*hillings* of a mese that Roger Sire helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Thomas fitz Petir helde and the kyngis weye, And iiij. d. of the mese that Andrew Cotelere helde, that was of Raaf Dede, and ij. s*hillings* of a selde that Richarde Sobynton helde in the markette, And vj. d. of a mese that the same Richard helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Thomas Wullere held and a mese that Roger Riseborough held; And ij. s*hillings* of a mese that Adam Mercer helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Alisaundre Cunyz held And another

mese that the same Adam held, And vj. d. of a mese that Raaf Trepynell helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Geffrey Coteler held of the hospitall of seynt Iohn And the mese that Iohn Gutter held: To be had and to be holde, frely and quyetly, fully and holy, for ever. And the Abbesse and the Couente of the seid place, that is to sey, of Godestowe, graunted and surely behete that, in the wey of charite, that they wold fynde for ever a prest conuenient *þat* shold do a prestis service every day, namely for the sowles of the forsaid peple, another tyme of the said Abbesse and Couente I-shewed is conteyned. And the said Adam and his heires warantized and defended for ever the forsaid tenementis, *with* þe *pertynentes*, And *with* the forsaid rentes, by the forsaid seruyces, to the howse of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther *seruyng* god. And that these aforsaid thynges shold be sure, & *cetera*.

Godstow undertook to provide a priest to say daily the services desired.

[102.] *A Charter of Amphelice, Abbesse of Godestowe, and of the Couent of the same place, grauntyng to Adam Walder*e* of Wycombe in the wey of charite to fynde a prest to sey co*m*mendacion, placebo and dirige, and masse for his sowle, & *cetera*.

*leaf 173. About 1220.

THE sentence of this charter is that Amphelice, Abbesse, and the Couente of Godestowe, atte prayers of Adam Walder of Wycombe, graunted and behete, to god and to oure lady and to all the seyntis, and to Adam, for the sake of charite, that they and all ther successo*ur*s wolde fynde in the towne of Wycombe for ever vpon ther owne costis a Couenable preest the whiche shold do diligently a p*re*stis seruyce, that is to sey, masse, co*m*mendacion, placebo, and dirige, namely for the sowles of Walder*e* of Wycombe and of Alyne his wyf, and for the soule of Adam Walder and Anneys his wyf, and comonly for all trew cristen, quyk and dede, nother to none o*per* than to these fowre specially he shold bynde hym-self, but in all his praiers and benefetis he shold pray to god for them, and he shold pray in the begynnyng of his masse all openly they that stond aboute to pray for them. And these thyngis, and all other content in this writyng towche that same preest, which-so-ever shold be

Undertaking by Godstow to provide a chantry-priest daily to say in Wycombe church the offices for the dead (viz. mass, commendation, vespers, and matins), with mention by name only of Walder and his wife Alyne and their son Adam and his wife Agnes.

The chaplain to take oath faithfully to do his office.

During any vacancy of the chaplaincy, the service is to be said at Godstow by one of the nunnery chaplains.

Godstow shall supply the chaplain with fitting lodging, clothing, and maintenance.

Recitation of the endowments, as in no. 101, viz.

(*a*) house;

(*b*) tenement;

* leaf 173, back.

(*c*) six messuages;

(*d*) two booths in Wycombe market;

(*e*) eleven rent-charges.

sette for the tyme, he shold' behote, afore good' men and sadde in wycombe, openly, in the worde of god, hymself to kepe for his powere. And yf hit happened' that, by the dethe or sikenesse or ony occasion the forsaid' seruyce of the forsaid' preest[1] be I-letted', they at Godestowe by some of theire chapeleyns shold' fulfille the lak of the forsaid' seruyce tille that with-in two monthes there a covenable chapeleyne were I-sette. They admytted' also for ever the same seid' men and ther sowles into all ther praiers and ther beneficis. And they shold' fynde to the forsaid' prest for ever in wycombe sufficiant vitaile and clothyng and howse and all necessaries to hym. And the said' Adam yaf to them, into helpe of susteynyng of that prest, an house in the which walder his fadire dwelled' in wycombe with the pertynentis, sauyng the seruyce of the chief lordis, that is to sey, ij. *shillings* by yere; and a tenement that Geffrey lutered' held', with his pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the forsaid' house that walder the fadir of the said' Adam held' and the kyngis wey, Savyng the service of the chief lordis, that is to sey, ij. *shillings* by yere, and j. d'. to the heires of the same Geruayse; * And vj. mesis that lien even ayenst the mylle, that william fitz henry held', with the pertynentis, savyng the seruyce of the chief lordis, xij. d' to the Temple, and viij. d' to the lorde of wycombe; And ij seldis in the markat of wycombe, with the pertynentis, the which lyen bitwene the seldis that Robert Croudene helde and the selde that Robert Buth held', Sauyng the seruyce of the chief lordes, that is to sey, iiij. *shillings* by yere; And a rente of xx *shillings* in the same towne, that is to sey, iij. *shillings* of a mese þat Walter Puderugge helde, the which mese lieth bytwene the mese þat Clement Smyth helde And the mese that Thomas Budekyn helde, And ij. *shillings* x. d' of a mese that Symond' Tanner helde of the said' Adam, the whiche lieth bitwene the mese that Robert Hugendene helde and the mese that the same Symond' helde; And vj. d' of the mese that the said' Symond' helde, that lieth bytwene the mese that Adam Tanner the fadir of hym helde and the mese that luteman helde, And xvj. d'. of a mese that Walter Watte helde, that lieth bitwene the mese of Richard' Rechel held' and the mese

[1] In the Latin the connexion is 'by any other occasion of the said chaplain, the said service be hindered.'

that Geffrey Tanner held; And iij. *shillings* of a mese þat Rob*er*t Calier held, the which lieth bitwene the mese that Richard Plomer held and the water that is I-called Gute*re*, And
4 iiij. *shillings* of a mese that Roger Sire held, that lieth bitwene the mese þat Thomas Fitz Petir helde and the kyngis wey, And iiij. d. of a mese that Andrew Coteler helde, the which was of Raaf dede, And ij. *shillings* of a selde that Richard Sobynton
8 held, the which lieth bitwene the selde that Rob*er*t Payntour held and the seld that William Walder helde in the markat, And vj. d of a mese that the same Richard helde, that lieth bitwene a mese that Thomas Waller helde and a mese that
12 Richard Ryseborough held, And ij. *shillings* of a mese that Adam Mercer helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Alisaundre Cunyz held and another mese that the same Adam Mercer helde, And vj. d of a mese that Raf Tropenell helde, that lieth bitwene
16 the mese that Geffrey Cotele*re* helde, of the hospytall of seynt Iohn and the mese that Iohn Cluter held.

And Amphelice, and all the Abbesse succedyng her, shold fynde for ever of the forsaid rente to ther Couente yerely with-
20 in the vtas of Seynt Michell a pytaunce of j. half marke; And every day that the pytaunce was I-yove or shold * be yove, the same day they shold haue fully ther s*er*uyce for the sowles of the forsaid; And some day in the woke wolde be fully seruyce
24 in the chirche of wycombe for the sowles of the same. And the said Adam fitz Walder assigned vj. d. yerely of the rente of[1] the vicariage of the same chirch, to a pytaunce, of a mese that Rob*er*t Cornemonger held, that liethe bitwene a mese that Abel
28 Coteler helde and a mese that Iordan Miller helde. And these aforsaid tenementis, with the p*er*tynentis, and the aforsaid rentes, the said Adam and his heires warantized to them and to ther successours ayenst all men and women for ever. And
32 Amphelice, and all abbesse succedyng to her, and ther covente, warantized the forsaid graunte and behest or p*ro*mysse, to the forsaid Adam and to his heires and to his assignes, ayenst all men and women. And to the confirmacion of this ther behest,
36 they put to this writyng ther seale. These[2] beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Godstow, in the Octaves of Michaelmas, is to take a pittance of 6*s*. 8*d*.; * leaf 174. and, in return, have a yearly service for the dead (for the Walders) at Godstow, and also at Wycombe.

[1] The Latin 'vicarie' is ambiguous, but it ought no doubt to be here rendered 'to the vicarage.'

[2] Matthew, archdeacon of Buckingham.

[5. Charters of the Basset family, lords of the manor.]

* leaf 179. 1222, October.

[103.] * A fynall accorde bitwene Aleyne Basset and the abbesse of Godestowe for an acre of lond and j half acre in Wycombe.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Alan Basset (died 1232),

THIS was the fynall accorde I-made, in the kyngis courte at westmynster, the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, Fro the day of Seynt Mighell into one moneth, afore Stephyne Segraue, Raulf harenge, Thomas heydon, Iustices, and other trew men of the kyngis than there beyng present, bitwene Aleyne Basset, axer, by Robert Fitz Mathew I-sette in his stede to gete or to lese, and the abbesse of Godestowe, holder, by Absolon Staunton I-put in her stede to gete or to lese, of one acre of mede and one half acre with the pertynentes in wycombe: whereof hit was I-pleted bitwene them in the forsaid Courte, that is to sey, that the forsaid Aleyne knowleched the forsaid acre of mede and the half with the pertynentis to be the right of the chirch of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and of the mynchons ther servyng god, and he remytted to them and quyte-claymed, of hym and his heires, to the same abbesse and to her successours * And to the chirche of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe for ever. And for þis knowlechyng, remission, fyne, and accorde, the forsaid abbesse of Godestow and the mynchons ther seruyng god resceived the forsaid Aleyne and his heires in all orisons and benefettis that shold be do fro that tyme forth in theire chirche of Godestowe, & *cetera*.

of 1½ acres,

* leaf 179, back. bargaining for the prayers of the convent.

* leaf 170, 122⅔, Febr. 3.

[104.] * A fynall accorde I-made bitwene Felice, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Aleyne Basset, for sutes and customs that he asked.

Agreement between Godstow and Alan Basset, lord of Wycombe,

THE sentence of this fynall accorde is this, that ther was a fynal acord I-made, in the kyngis courte at Westmynster, in the morow of the purificacion of oure lady, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, afore Martyne Patishull, Raaf harang, Stephyn Segrave, Thomas Haydon, Robert lexynton, Geffrey Sauage, Iusticis, and other trew men of the kyngis than there presente, bitwene Felice, Abbesse of Gode-

as to feudal

stowe, pleyner, by petir of Dunctoñ, I-put in her stede to gete and to lese, and Aleyne Basset, of sutis and customs that the same Aleyne asked' of men of the same Abbesse of Wycombe to be do atte courte of the same Aleyne in Wycombe.

obligations of Godstow tenants in Wycombe.

Wherof the same abbesse playned' that the forsaid' Aleyne vexed' vnrightfully and ayenst her liberteis her men, axyng' of them customs and seruyces that they shold' not do, þat is to sey, of euery howse þat was of the fee of the abbesse iiij. d'. by yere, and that Aleyne distreyned' her men aforsaid' that they shold' take to ferme the towne of wycombe with his men, And also that the same Aleyne wold' have made that they shold' haue ben tempters or tapsters of brede and ale in the said' towne, Also that the same Aleyne made to cary the donges I-founde vpon the fee of the same Abbesse vpoñ his lond' and [= if] they had' I-ley ouer right [*sic*] in the strete, the which sutes and customs the same abbesse knew not to hym.

Alan had sought to force them (*a*) to pay market-dues; (*b*) to join in leasing the town; (*c*) to serve as ale-tasters; (*d*) to forfeit their manure if left in the street.

And hit was I-pleted' bitwene them in the forsaid' Courte, that is to sey, that the forsaid' abbesse, for her and other abbesses that shulde succede her, agayne knowleched' and graunted' to the same Aleyne that he and his heires shold' take euery yere, for the commune of the market, iiij. d'. of euery hede house that was of the fee of the same abbesse of Wycombe and whos dore is opened' toward' the strete and in the which beñ men dwellyng' and smoke comyth out, so that of other howses the dores beñ not openyd' toward' the strete they myght no þyng' take, nother of the howses in the which men dwelle not in though the dores ben opened' toward' the strete. And furthermore the same abbesse graunted that her men of wycombe shold' be tempters or tapsters of brede and ale in the fee of the same abbesse and in the fee of the same Aleyne and of his heires, whan they were resonably I-chose after the resonable terme. And yf the men of the same Abbesse trespassed' in ony that perteyned' to the market of brede and ale or of oþer þynges perteynyng' to the marcat in the day of the marcat, and while the marcat stode, and in the marcat, so that they fille into amersyng' or a-mercement, the same Aleyne and his heires shold' have a resona*ble amercement after the maner of the trepasse, without ony agayñ saiyng' of the abbesse or the abbessis that shold' succede her.

Decision: Godstow tenants (*a*) must pay 4*d.* yearly for every inhabited dwelling-house, whose door opens on to the street, but shall be exempt for houses otherwise situated or not inhabited; (*b*) must serve as aletasters when chosen in due rotation; (*c*) must pay fines incurred through actual breach of market-rules.

*** leaf 170, back.**

And for this recognycioñ, graunte, fyne, and acorde, the same

Godstow and Godstow tenants to have privilege to cart their manure on to their lands and to leave manure in the street for a year, but if it is left longer the lord of the manor may claim it. Godstow tenants to bear their share of tallage, when the king asks tallage. Godstow 'chief court' to be exempt from market-dues.

Aleyn*e* graunted to the same abbesse that she, and other abbessis that shold succede her, shold frely have the dunges, and the men of the fee of the same abbesse[1], and cary them w*ith* ther owne cartis vpon ther owne demayn*e* londe at ther wille and have ther resonable cariyng thurgh all the fee of the same Aleyn and of his heires in the same towne; And yf p*er*auenture the same Abbesse, or other þat shold succede her, bere not a-way tho dunges I-founde in his aforsaid fee, w*ith*-in a yere after they have ben layed there in the strete, w*ith* ther owne cartis, hit shold be lawfull to the same Aleyn*e* and to his heires to bere away tho dungis and to do therof his wille, and not afore. He graunted also that all lib*er*teis I-graunted to[2] the chart*er* of kyng*es* henry and Richard, the which that ben not ayenst this covenaunte, shold be saaf to the same abbesse and abbessis succedyng to her. Also hit is to be know þ*at* this ende was I-made bitwene them, sauyng to Aleyn*e* and to his heires their resonable tallagis of the forsaid men of the abbesse whan the kyng tallagith his demaynes thurgh Englond. Furthermore hit is to be know that the same Aleyn*e* and his heires shold, aft*er* that þat is I-said before, of every house of the which the dore is opened to the strete [take] iiij. d, out-take houses that ben in the chief courte of the same Abbesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 175. About 1270.

[105.] *A Transcripte charter of philipp*e* Basset I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe confermyng xl. s*hillings* of Rente in Wycombe, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Philip Basset, for a clothing allowance, of rent-charges amounting to £2 yearly.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Philip Basset[3], for the helthe of his soule, and of Dame Ele[4], Countesse of Warwyke, his wyf, and of the soules of his auncetours and successours, yaf, & *cetera*, to god, & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for ever, to ther clothyng for ever*e*, into fre pure and p*er*petuel almesse, xl. s*hillings* of yerely rente, with all ther p*er*tynentis, in his maner of Wycombe to be take of the tenementis vndir written, that is to sey, of the tenementis of Geffrey Martyne, iij. s*hillings* iiij. d. at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xx. d, and at our lady day in marche xx. d.; of the tenemente of Thomas Marchaunte,

[1] i. e. should have 'fima sua.' [2] i.e. 'in.' [3] Lord of Wycombe, died 1271. [4] Died 1297.

iij. *shillings* iiij. d̃. at the same termes; Of the tenement of Walter Sclo, iij. *shillings* iiij. d̃. at the same *ter*mes; Of the tenement of laurence Morgan̄, iij. *shillings* iiij. d̃ at the same
4 *ter*mes; Of the tenement of Roger Couper, iij. *shillings* iiij. d̃ at the same *ter*mes; Of the tenement of Iohn of the Brugge, iij. *shillings* iiij. d̃ at the same *ter*mes; Of the tenement of Nicholas Fulom̄, iij. *shillings* iiij. d̃. at the same *ter*mes; Of
8 the tenement of humfrey huttred̃, iij. *shillings* iiij. d̃. at the same *ter*mes; of the tenement of Richard̃ Brither, iij. *shillings* iiij. d̃. at the same *ter*mes; Of the tenement of Benet Baker, iij. *shillings* iiij. d̃. at the same *ter*mes; Of the tenement of Iohn
12 fitz Walfrido, vj. *shillings* viij. d̃ at the same *ter*mes: To be had̃ and to be hold̃, of hym and his heires, to the same mynchons and to ther successours ther *ser*uyng god and to serve for ever, in-to fre pure and *per*petuel almesse, the forsaid̃ xl. *shillings* of
16 rente, with all̃ ther *per*tynentis, frely quyetly and vttirly holy, w*ith*-out any agayn̄ holdyng and seculer seruyce. And the said̃ Philipp*e* Basset warantized̃ aquyted̃ and defended̃ the forsaid̃ xl. *shillings* of rente, with all̃ ther *per*tynentis, to the forsaid̃e myn-
20 chons and to ther successours there seruyng god and to serue for ever, into free pure and *per*petuel almesse, ayenst all̃ men for eu*er*. Into witnesse of whiche thynge, & *cetera*.

[6. Miscellaneous documents about property.]

[106. * Charter of William of Buketot.

*** Exchequer MS. leaf 191, back. About 1200. Grant to Godstow, by William of Bucktot, of a rent-charge on the Bridge Mill.**

WILLIAM of Buketot gave to Godstow 20*s*. yearly out of
24 his mill at the bridge of Wycombe, that Godstow should keep in memory himself, his wife, and his sons ('pueri'), and kindred.

Witnesses:—Robert of Buketot, Robert of Horton, etc.]

[107.] * A charter of William fitz Thomas Walder*e* I- made to the mynchons of Godestowe for iiij. *shilling* worthe of Rente in Wycombe.

*** Rawl. MS. leaf 174. About 1240? Confirmation to Godstow, by William Walder,**

28 THE sentence of this chart*er* is that William, son*e* and heire of Thomas Walder of wycombe, willed̃ to be know to all̃ peple that beholdith or herith this p*re*sent writyng, that whan the

of two rent-charges, viz. 3s. and 1s., given by his father Thomas Walder.

said' Thomas his fadir yaf in ony tyme, to the abbesse and couente of Godestowe, iiij. shillyngworthe of rente yerely, with the pertynentis, in the borough of wycombe, that is to sey, of the tenement that Cristmasse held' in the strete that is I-called' vinychburgge iij. *shillings*, and of a mese of Roger Cordewaner in the same place xij. d'., he willed' to be know hym-self to have I-graunted' the same yifte and confermed' hit with this his present charter for hym and his heires: To be had' and to be holde, to the forsaid' Abbesse and Couente and to ther successoures, * frely, quyetly, fully, pesibly and holy, for ever, into fre pure and perpetuell almesse. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*.

* leaf 174, back.

About 1240?

[108.] A Charter of Gregory Tropenell, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for xij. d'. of yerely rente in Wycombe.

Grant to Godstow, by Gregory Tropenell, of a rent-charge of 1s.

THE sentence of this charter is that Gregory Tropenell yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, xij. d'. of rente yerely, into pure and perpetuell almesse: To be had' and to be resceived' of Raf Marchaunte and his heires at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, vj. d'. at the fest of oure lady in Marche and vj. d'. at the fest of seynt Michell. And Gregory and his heiris warantized' the forsaid' xij. d'. of rente to the Covente of Godestowe and to ther successoures ayenst all men livyng. And for also moche that this his graunte and yifte, & *cetera*.

About 1240?

[109.] A-nother Charter of Gregory Tropenell makyng Rauf Marchaunte his attourney yerely for xij. d'. of rente to the Couente of Godstowe.

Order by Gregory Tropenell, to his Wycombe tenant, directing payment of no. 108 to Godstow.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Gregory Tropenell made attorney Rauf marchaunte and his heires to yielde yerely to the Couente of Godestowe and to ther successoures xij. d'. of rente, for his and his auncetours helthe, that is to sey, of tho iij. *shillings*, the which he yelded' to hym by yere of that mese that he had' of his yifte, as his charter witnesseth. And leste that the same Rauf or his heires shold' rynne into harme thereof afterwarde by hym or by his heires, he strengthed' þis writyng with his seale. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

[110.] A Charter of Mabile the doughtir of Sawarde of Wycombe I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe for here Mille. About 1200.

THE sentence[1] of this charter is that Mabile the doughter of Sawarde of Wycombe yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, her mylle as she
4 helde hit of the kynge, and of[2] the chirche of Wycombe to the light ij. *shillings* the whiche william wynchelege yelded to hym (of the which they ought to yelde to the kyng xij. d.), and xviij. d. the whiche walkelyne Tylare yelded to hym, of the
8 which to the kynge viij. d. And a shoppe that Sayeue Scrippe helde. And vj. d. the which she yelded to Rauf Bordwace, and ij. meses in the chirch yerde. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Mabel, daughter of Saward, of a mill; and grant to Wycombe church of four rent-charges, a shop, and two messuages.

12 [110 *bis*. * Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Mabilia filia Sawardi de Wicumbe dedi et concessi et mea carta confirmavi deo et sancte Marie et ecclesie S*anc*ti Iohannis Baptiste de Godestowe et sanctimonialibus ibidem deo
16 servientibus, molendinum meum, sicut ego tenui de Rege; et ecclesie de Wicumbe ad lumen ii. sol*idos* quos Willelmus de Winchelege m*ih*i reddidit (de quibus debent reddi regi xii*d.*), et xviii d*enarios* quos Galfridus filius Osberti m*ih*i reddidit (de
20 quibus regi iiii), et xviii d*enarios* quos reddidit m*ih*i Walkelinus telarius (de quibus regi viii), et soppam quam Saieva Scrippa tenuit, et vi. d*enarios* quos reddidit m*ih*i Rad*ulphus* Bordwace, et duo messuagia in cimiterio.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 157.

Grants, as above, to Godstow;

and to Wycombe church.

24 Hiis testibus:—Thoma, sacerdote de Godestowe; Ada, capellano de Wicu*m*ba; Rob*erto* capell*ano*; Henrico le mercer; Waltero diacono; Godofrido clerico; Rob*erto* fil*io* Godwe; Ric*ardo* de malvines; Symone le masun; Godwino fabro.]

[111. * Charter granting the mill to William, son of Hervey.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 191, back.

28 JULIANA, abbess of Godstow, and the convent, granted to William, son of Hervey, and to his heirs, the mill of Wycumbe

About 1205.

Grant by

[1] Since this charter is very obscurely expressed in the English, the Latin is appended for the sake of comparison.

[2] 'of' is a mis-translation for 'to.'

Godstow, to William, son of Hervey, of no. 110; quit-rent, £2 9s.

which Mabel daughter of Seward bequeathed to them, subject to a yearly rent-charge of 49 shillings.

Witnesses:—four chaplains of Godstow, Thomas, Walerand, Adam, and Gilebert.] 4

* leaf 175. About 1240?

[112.] *A Charter of Vyncente Menge of Wycombe, I-made to þe mynchons of Godestowe, for a place in Wycombe, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Vincent Menge,

* leaf 175, back. of a plot of land.

THE sentence of this charter is that Vyncente Menge of wycombe yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruynge god and to *ser*ue for ever, one place of his tenement in the towne of * wycombe, the which conteynyth 8 in lengthe viij. perches and x. fote, and in brede to his ende vttemost toward the tenement of the forsaid Vincente Menge iiij. perchis, and iiij. fote at the other ende, And hit strecchithe hit-self fro the tenement of Adam Gluter of the west side by 12 lyne, as the markes haue them self, vnto the tenement of Iohn I-called knyght, of the Est parte: To be had and to be hold, with all his p*er*tynentis, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and 16 holy for ever, into pure and p*er*petuell almesse. And the said Vincente Menge and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended for ever all the forsaid place, as hit is diuided afore, with all his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid mynchons 20 and to ther successours, with the owne costis, ayenst all men and women. And that this ther yifte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 178. * leaf 178, back. 12$\frac{49}{50}$, Febr. 2.

[113.] *A Charter of Iohn Waleys and Alice his wyf, quyte-claymyng *to the mynchons of Godestowe, ij. d. of yerely rente in Wycombe.

Sale to Godstow, by John and Alice Waleys, of all right in a rent-charge, and the rever-

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Waleys and Alice his wyf yaf graunted and quyteclaymed, for them and ther 24 heires, to the Abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place, ij. d. of yerely rente, the which they were I-wonyd to haue, and had, of that mese that Richard Smyth held in Wycombe, that lieth bitwene the mese that Walter Slegh helde 28 and a mese that Geffrey Agmodesham helde: To be had and to

be holde, frely and quyetly, *with* all the right that they had or myght haue in the same rente and that mese aforsaid and in ther *per*tynentis; So that nother they, nother none by them or
4 for them, myght axe or chalange ony right or clayme in the forsaid rente or in the forsaid meses or in ther *per*tynentis. And for this yifte and quyte-claymyng the forsaid abbesse and Couente yaf to them ij. *shillings* of siluer. These beyng wit-
8 nesse, & *cetera.* The thyngis were I-acted at the purificacion of oure lady, the yere of our lord a thousand two hundred fourty and nyne.

sionary rights it conferred.

[114.] * A Charter of Alice Blythe, quyte-claymyng to Dame Emme Bluet, abbesse of Godestowe, a mese with all his *per*tynentis, in the towne of wycombe.

* leaf 179. About 1250.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that Alice Blythe yaf, &
12 *cetera,* and quyte-claymed, to dame Emme Bluet, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the couente of the same place, one mese with all his *per*tynentis, in the towne of wycombe vpon the fee of the same abbesse of Godestow, that is to sey, that mese that was of
16 William Blythe her vncle *þat* fille to her by the name of heritage of the p*ar*te of the same William Blithe her vncle, and lieth bitwene the mese that Geffrey Gute*re* held and that mese that Thomas Baker held, as the markes and dep*ar*tyngis teche
20 and shew: To be hold and to be had, *with* all his *per*tynentis, to the forsaid abbesse and couente and to ther successours, wele and in pease, *with* all the right and clayme that he or ony of his heires had or myght have, Doyng *ser*uyce to the chief lordis
24 dewe therof. And for this yifte graunte and quyte-claymyng, the forsaid Abbesse yaf to her xx. *shillings* of siluer before handes. And *þat* þis her yift, & *cetera.*

Sale to Godstow, by Alice Blythe,

of all right in a messuage:

purchase-money, £1.

[115.] * A Charter of Walter Baker quyte-claymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all his right that he had in that mese that he helde of Richard Alecod of the fee of the chirch of Wycombe.

* leaf 179, back. About 1250?

THE sentence of this charter is that Walt*er* Baker and his
28 heires quyte-claymed, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place, all the right that they had in that

Sale to Godstow, by Walter Baker, of

all right in a messuage,

mese that he helde of Richard Alecod of the fee of the chirche of wycombe, that is to sey, of that mese that is bitwene the house that was of leuewyn the Smyth and the house of Richard Alecod. And for this quyte-claymyng the forsaid Abbesse and Couente of the same place yaf to hym and to Liette his wyf and to his

purchase-money, £5 6*s.* 8*d.*

children viij. mark of rent[1]. And walter and his wyf and his children abyured all ther right of the forsaid mese and of all the pertynentis of hit afore the Courte of wycombe. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera.*

* leaf 181. About 1250.

[116.] *** A Charter of Alyne the doughter of Richard Horsneyl confermyng to her doughtir Moolde j place of londe with the partynentis in wycombe, & *cetera.***

Grant to Maud Horsnail, by her mother Alyne, of a plot of land (see no. 122).

THE sentence of this charter is that Alyne, the doughter of Richard Horsneyl, yaf, & *cetera*, to Moolde her doughtir, one place of lond, with the pertynentis, in Wycombe, the which lieth in one place bitwene the lond the which william wauder held of the yifte of Thomas Selewyne and the lond of Richard Archer in brede, And hit buttith to that hede vpon the brynke ayenst the mese of Symond Santerdon, and buttith at another hede vpon the lond of walter Carter, and strecchith hit-self in length vnto the mese that Thomas wauder held somtyme beside

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the stone that lieth in the wey that leditb toward Merlawe in the forsaid towne of wycombe, beside the tenementes of Richard Ailriche and that Richard Monnere somtyme helde, as the markes

* leaf 181, back.

vpon euerych a side * teche and shew: To be had and to be hold, to the same Molde and to her heires or her assignes, of her and her heires or her assignes, also holy in all thynges, with fre entryng and goyng out, as the same fore-named Richard horsenayl held that place, frely quyetly by right heritage for ever, yeldyng therof by yere to the chief lordes of the fee

[clove-gilly-flower.]

seruyces dewe therof, and to her and to her heires or her assignes one clowe gelofure at Estir, for all seruyce, sute of courte, custome, and exaccion. And Alyne and her heires or her assignes warantized, aquyted, and defended, to the same

[1] Read 'silver' for 'rent.'

Molde and to her heires or to her assignes, the forsaid' place, with all his pertynentis, ayenst all peple for ever. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*.

[117.] *A Charter of Emme, abbesse of Godestowe, confermyng to Symond' Santyrdon all a tenemente with his pertynentis. *leaf 179, back. About 1250.

Grant by Godstow, to Simon Santerden, of a Godstow tenement in Ireland's lane.

4 THE sentence of this charter is that Emme, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, yaf, & *cetera*, to Symond' Santerdon, for his seruyce, all that tenement, with his pertynentis, that William Oso held' of them in that strete that 8 ledith to the mese that was of Gilbert of Ireland', the which tenement lieth bitwene the mese that Iohn Golde helde and the mese that Alecod' helde, as the markes and departyngis on euerych a side teche and shew: To be had' and to be hold', of 12 hym and his heires and his assignes, excepte howses of Religion and Iewys, heritably frely quyetly and holy for ever, yeldyng yerely to them and to the Couente succedyng them iij. *shillings* at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt 16 Mighell xviij. d' and at the fest of our lady in marche xviij. d'., for all seruyce, customs, and sutis of Courte, and all demaundis, but hit were to the a forrenge courte and þat at ther resonable warnyng. And they and the couente succedyng them warantized' 20 the forsaid' tenement with his pertynentis to the *forsaid' Symond' and to his heires or his assignes, out-take houses of Religion and Iewes, ayenst all men for ever. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

[Jews.]

* leaf 180.

[118.] A Charter of Symond' Alecod', confermyng to Symond' Santerdon j pece of londe with his pertynentis, & *cetera*. About 1250.

Sale to Simon Santerden, by Simon Alecod,

24 THE sentence of this charter is, that Symond' Alecod' yaf, graunted', & *cetera*, to Symond' Santerdon, for his seruyce, j pece of lond', with the pertynentis, in the towne of wycombe vpon the fee of the abbesse of Godestow, that is to sey, that 28 pece of lond' the which lieth in brede bitwene the tenement that Robert Fitz Wareyne held' and the tenement that William Hoso held' somtyme, and strecchith hit-self in length fro the

of land, tenement of the forsaid Symond Alecod vnto the tenement that Iohn Golde helde: To be had and to be holde, of hym and his heires, to the forsaid Symond and to his heires or to whom-soever he wold assigne hit, frely and quyetly and by right heritage 4 holy wele and in pease, with all his pertynentis, as markes and departyngis teche and shew, yeldyng therof yerely to hym quit-rent, ½d. and to his heires jobolus at Cristmasse, for all seruycis, and customs, sutis of courtis, and all seculer demayndes. And the 8 forsaid Symond Alecod and his heires warantized the forsaid pece of lond, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Symond Santerdon and to his heires or his assignes, ayenst alle men and [Jews.] alle women, Iewes and cristen. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the 12 forsaid Symond Santerdon yaf to them j marke of siluer, & *cetera*.

About 1255. **[119.] A Charter of Moolde, somtyme the wyf of Symond Alecod, quyte-claymyng to Symond Santerdon all the right in that mese aforsaide, & *cetera*.**

Sale to Simon Santerden, by Maud Alecod, widow, of her jointure right in a messuage (see no. 123). THE sentence of this charter is, that Moolde that was the wyf of Symond Alecod, in her wedowhode and fre power, relesed and quyte-claymed to Symond Santerdon all the right and clayme 16 that she had or myght haue in that mese of the abbesse of Godestowe in the town of wycombe, that fille to her in the name of dowery of the behalf of þe forsaid Symond Alecod her husbond, the which mese lieth bitwene the wey that ledith to 20 the house of Iohn of Irlond and the mese that William Walder held: To be had and to be hold, to the said Symond Santerdon and to his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly and pesibly for Purchase-money, 13s. 4d. her [and for her heires] for ever. And for this relese and 24 quyte-claymyng, the forsaid Symond yaf to her one marke of siluer. And that molde, nother none for her, shold not have power afterward to axe ony right or clayme in the forsaid mese, * leaf 180, back. she put to this writyng her seale. *These beyng witnesse, 28 & *cetera*.

About 1255. **[120.] A Charter of Andrew fitz William Carter confermynge vnto Symond Santerdon one mese with all his pertynentis in wycombe.**

Sale to Simon Santerden, THE sentence of this charter is, that Andrew fitz william Carter yaf, & *cetera*, to Symond fitz william Santerdon, one

mese, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, in the towne of wycombe, that lieth bitwene the mese that David Smyth held and the mese that Richard Archer held, as the markes and dep*ar*tyngis teche and shew: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to the forsaid Symond and to his heires and his assignes, heritably frely quyetly and holy for ever, with all the right that he had or myght haue or that myght come to hym in ony wise, yeldyng to hym and to his heires ij. s*hillings* ix. d. at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Mighell xvj. d. ob*olus* and at the fest of our Lady in marche xvj. d. ob*olus*, for all seruycis and all maner demaund*es*. And Andrew and his heires warantized the forsaid mese, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Symond and to his heires and his assignes, ayenst all men and women, bothe Iewes and cristen, for ever. And for this yifte, & c*etera*, the forsaid Symond yaf to hym x. marke of siluer to warison. And for-asmoche that he willed this his yifte, & c*etera*.

by Andrew Carter, of a tenement,

yearly quit-rent, 2*s*. 9*d*.

Purchase-money, £6 13*s*. 4*d*.

[121.] A Charter of Sabyne, the doughter of Osbert, Cordewan*er*, of wycombe, quyte-claymyng to Symond Santerdon all the right that she had in a mese in wycombe.

About 1255.

The sentence of this writyng is this, that Sabyne, the doughter of Osberte, Cordewayner, of wycombe, quyte-claymed, for her and her heires, to Symond Santerdon and to his heires or his assignes, all the right and clayme that she had, or myght chalange or clayme, in that mese with the p*er*tynentis in the towne of wycombe, that lieth bitwene the mese that Dauid Faber held and the mese that Richard Archer helde, as the markis and departyngis teche and shew. And for this quyte-clayme the forsaid Symond yaf to her ij. s*hillings* of silu*er* into warison. Into witnesse, & c*etera*.

Sale to Simon Santerden, by Sabina, daughter of Osbert, of all right in no. 120.

[122.] A Charter of Moolde, the doughtir of Alyne horsneyl, confermyng to Symond Santerdon, for j marke that the same Symond yaf to her into warison, j place w*ith* þe p*er*tynentis in wycombe, & c*etera*.

About 1255.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Moolde the doughtir of Alyne horsneyl yaf, & c*etera*, to Symond Santerdon, for one

Sale to Simon

Santerden, for 13*s.* 4*d.*, * leaf 181. by Maud Horsnail, of no. 116.

marke of siluer *that the same Symond yaf to here before handes into warison, one place of lond with all his pertynentis in wycombe, the which lieth in one place bitwene the lond that william wauder held of the yifte of Thomas Selewyne and the lond of Richard Archer in brede, and hit buttith to one hede vpon the brynke evene ayenst that mese of Symond, and hit buttith to another hede vpon the lond of walter Cartere, and hit strecchith hit-self in lengthe vnto a mese of Thomas wauder somtyme helde, beside the stone that lieth in the wey the which ledith toward Merlaw in the forsaid towne of wycombe beside the tenement of Richard Alriche and the tenemente that Richard Monnere held, as the markis and the departyngis vpon everich a side teche and shew: To be had and to be hold, to the same Symond and to his heires or his assignes, of her and her heires or her assignes, also frely in all thyngis, with fre entryng and goyng out, as Richard horsneyl the fadir of the forsaid Alyne helde somtyme that place, quyetly, in fre heritage for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordes of that fee seruicis dew therof, and to her and to her heires or to her assignes j clowe gelofure at Estir, for all seruycis, sutis of courtis, customs, and exaccion. And moolde and her heires or her assignes warantized acquyted and defended, to the same Symond and to his heires or to his assignes, the forsaid place, with his pertynentis, as hit is I-saide afore, ayenst all peple. And that this her yifte, & *cetera.*

[A great stone.]

[clove-gilly-flower.]

* leaf 181, back. About 1260.

[123.] *A Charter of Symond Santerdon quyte-claymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all his right in an howse that he bought somtyme of Symond Alecod in Wycombe.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Simon Santerden, of his right in no. 119,

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Symond Santerdon relesed, and vttirly quyte-claymed, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for ever, all the right and clayme that he had or myght haue in that house that he bought somtyme of Symond Alecod, the which is I-sette bitwene the house the whiche william Wauder assigned to a chapeleyne seiyng for ever the masse of our lady of the one parte, and the lane the which strecchith hit-self

[Mass of Our Lady]

toward' the house of Iohn Irlande of the other p*a*rte; Savyng nathelesse that Godfray his brother and Milisente his wyf helde alone the forsaid' house, with his p*er*tynentis, to there lyf, 4 with-oute agayn*e*-saiyng, doyng therof to the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe dew s*er*uyce and I-wonyd'. And for-as-moch as he wolde that this relesse and quyte-clayme, & c*etera*.

but subject to life-interests.

[124.] A Charter of Symond' Santerdon quyte-claymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe one mese in Wycombe, & c*etera*.

About 1260.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Symond' Santerdon 8 yaf graunted' and vttirly quyte-claymed', for his soule and for the soule of Molde his wyf and for the soules of his auncetours, to god' & c*etera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther s*er*uyng god, that his one mese, that is to sey, that lieth bitwene 12 somtyme the mese of Reyner*e* Baker and the mese somtyme of Iohn Goab in the towne of wycombe, as the markyngis and dep*ar*tyngis teche and shew: To be *had' and to be hold', with all his p*er*tynentis, to the said' mynchons and vnto their*e* 16 successours, frely, quyetly, wele, and in pease, in-to fre and p*er*petuell almesse. So that the forsaid' Symond' nother his heires myght chalenge ony right or clayme in no wise in the said' mese with his p*er*tynentis fro that tyme, Doyng therof to 20 the chief lord*es* of the fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd', that is to sey, to the prioresse of Merlawe xij. d'. at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Michell vj. d'. and at the fest of oure lady in march vj. d'.; And to the light of the 24 chirche of the same towne j. d'. at the same termes; And to Alice, the doughtir of Gonnylde, one paire of white gloves of the price of job*olus* at Ester, for all seculer demaundes. And that this his yifte, & c*etera*.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Simon Santerden, of his right in a messuage,

* leaf 182.

subject to quit-rents to Marlow priory, and to the light in Wycombe church.

[white gloves.]

[125.] A Charter of Symond' Santerdon confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe an house in the towne of Wycombe.

About 1260.

28 THE sentence of this charter is, that Symond' Santerdon yaf, & c*etera*, to god & c*etera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god' and to serve for ever, for the helthe of his

Grant to Godstow, by Simon Santerden,

sowle and of Moolde his wyf and of his auncetours and
of no. 120, successours, an house in the towne of wycombe, that is to sey,
that howse that is I-sette bitwene the house that Richard
Archer somtyme helde and the howse that David Smyth 4
and of a meadow. somtyme helde, with[1] all the medlyng be-yonde the watere,
that is to sey, that mede that the forsaid Symond bought of the
sone of Walter Buket, as[2] the pathes of bothe sides conteyne
them-self and shew, with all his pertynentis overalle: To be 8
had and to be hold, to the forsaid holy mynchons and to theire
successours for ever, Doyng therof to the chief lordes of the fee
seruyce dew and I-wonyd, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt
Michell xvj. d. obolus and at the fest of oure lady in marche 12
xvj. d. obolus, for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the
forsaid Symond and his heires or his assignes warantized the
forsaid howse and mede, with all his pertynentis over all, to
the forsaid holy mynchons and to theire successours, ayenst all 16
men and women, and defended and acquyted for ever, for the
forsaid service. And for alsomoche that he wolde that this his
yifte shold be sure, & *cetera*.

About 1260. **[126.] A Charter of Robert Wareyn confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe xij. d. of yerely rente in Wycombe, & *cetera*.**

* leaf 182, back. Proposed sale to Godstow, by Robert Wareyn, of a rent-charge of 12*d*.

* THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert Wareyn, with 20
the consente and assent of Sare his wyf and of his heires, yaf,
& *cetera*, to the Abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the
same place, xij. d. of yerely rente in the towne of Wycombe
vpon the fee of the forsaid abbesse, that is to sey, of the tene- 24
mente that Iohn Blake helde of hym, that lieth bitwene the
tenement that Alice Clement helde and the tenement that
Symond Alecod helde somtyme: To be had and to be holde, of
hym and his heires, to the forsaid abbesse and Couente and to 28
ther successours, for right heritage frely quyetly pesibly, with
all the right and clayme that he or ony of his heiris had or
myght haue for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his
[clove-gilly-flower] heires one clowe gelofure at Ester, for all servicis, customs, and 32
demaundis. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Abbesse

[1] The Latin is: 'cum toto prato iacente ultra aquam.'

[2] Rather: 'as, by a path on each side, se continent et proportant.'

yaf to hym ix. *shillings* of siluer*e* afore handes. And the forsaid' Rob*er*t wareyn and his heires warantiȝed' and defended' the forsaid' xij. d'. of yerely rente to the forsaid' Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe and to ther successours, by the forsaid' seruyce, ayenst all men and women, cristen and Iewes for eu*er*. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

[127.] *A Charter of Rob*er*t Wareyn*e* and of Sare his wyf confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe xiiij. d'. of rente yerely. * leaf 178, back. About 1260.

Actual sale to Godstow, by Robert Wareyn, of no. 125,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert Wareyn*e*, w*ith* the consente and assente of Sare his wyf and of his heires, yaf, & *cetera*, to the Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, xiiij. d'. of yerely rente vpon the forsaid' fee in the towne of wycombe: that is to sey, of a tenem*en*t that Iohn Blake helde of hym, that lieth bitwene the tenement that Alice Clemente helde and the tenement that Symond' Alecod' held', xij. d'., that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Mighell vj. d'. and at the fest of our lady in marche vj. d'.; And of the tenemente that William Pruce somtyme held', that lieth bitwene his tenement of the Est p*ar*te, ij. d' at ij. t*er*mes aforsaid': To be had' and to be hold', of hym and of his heires, to the forsaide Abbesse and Couente and to ther successours, for right heritage frely quyetly and pesibly, with all the right and clayme that he or ony of his heires had' or myght have for ever, yeldynge yerely to hym and to his heires one clowe gelofur*e* at Ester, for all servicis, customes, and demaundes. And for this yifte and graunte the forsaid' abbesse and covente yaf to hym x. *shillings* vj. d'. of siluer*e* afore handis. And the forsaid' Rob*er*t Wareyn*e* and his *heires warantiȝed' aquyted' and defended' the forsaid' xiiij. d'. of yerely rente to the forsaid' abbesse and Couente of Godestowe and to ther successours ayenst all men and women, cristen and Iewes, for ever. In-to witnesse of whiche thynge, & *cetera*.

and sale of another rent-charge of 2*d*.

[clove-gilly-flower.]

* leaf 179.

[Jews.]

[128.] *A Chart*er* of Thomas Lude confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe a tenemente with all his liberteis and p*er*tynentis. * leaf 176. About 1270.

Sale to Godstow, by Thomas

THE sentence of this charter is that Thomas Lude graunted', & *cetera*, to the lady abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente

Lude, of a tenement,

of the same place, a tenemente, with all his liberteis and pertynentis, in wycombe, that somtyme Robert Taillour helde, and strecchith hit-self in length fro the kyngis wey the which is I-called Croydenlane toward the Est vnto the graunge of the said Abbesse toward the west, and in brede fro the way vnto the graunge of the said abbesse fro the north parte vnto the wey of Roger Blunde of the southe, And hit buttith all ayenst the tenement that somtyme held Luce Cane and the tenement that somtyme held William Furnere and the tenemente of Iohn Clutere toward the southe, as the markes and departyngis vpon everich side techith and shewith: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to the forsaid abbesse and Couente of the same place and to ther successours and ther assignes, frely, quyetly, fully and holy, wele and in pease, by right heritage for ever, yeldynge therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, j. d. at the fest of seynt Mighel for all seculer services, customs, sutis of courtis and demaundis. And Thomas Lude and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended for ever the forsaid tenement, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place and to ther successours or ther assignes ayenst all men, Iewes and cristene. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid abbesse yaf to hym before handis x. *shillings* into warison. Into witnesse of which thynge, & *cetera*.

quit-rent, 1*d.* at Michaelmas.

[Jews.]

About 1270.

[129.] A Charter of Cristyne Lutered, quyte-claymyng to Isowde Duram, j. d. of yerely rente in Wycombe.

Sale to Godstow, by Cristina Lutered,

THE sentence of this charter is that Cristyne Lutered of wycombe, vn-wedded and in her owne fre power, graunted, lette, and quyte-claymed for ever, for her and her heires, to Isowde Duram, *at that tyme abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, and to ther successours, j. d. of yerely rente with his pertynentis in the borough of wycombe, the which yerely she was I-wonyd to resceive of the attorney of the forsaid abbesse in wycombe, that is for to sey, for a tenement that Walter Coteler helde somtyme in the burgh of wycombe, that lieth bitwene the tenement that Andrew lynnen-draper helde and the kyngis wey that ledith toward Oxon, also with all

* leaf 176, back.

of a quit-rent and the reversionary rights conferred by it.

the right that she had or myght have in ony tyme in the forsaid tenement: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Isowde abbesse and Couente, and to ther successours, frely and quyetly, 4 wele and in pease for ever, with-out ony with-holdyng of her or of her heires. And for this lettyng, grauntyng and quyte-claymyng the forsaid Isowde, abbesse of Godestowe, yaf to her xij. d. of siluer before handes. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

[130.] A Charter of Roger Blunde, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe, one kyngis wey in þe towne of wycombe. About 1270.

8 THE sentence of this charter is that Roger Blunde of wycombe yaf, & *cetera*, to dame Isowde, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couent *of the same place, one kyngis hye wey in the towne of Wycombe, the whiche lieth bitwene a tenemente of the said 12 abbesse and the tenement of Robert Taillour held somtyme, and hit strecchith hit-self in lengthe fro the lane that leditH toward Croydeñ vnto his owne Graunge, as markes and departyngis vpon euerych side techith and shewith. To be had and to be 16 hold, with all his pertynentis, of hym and his heires or his assignes aforsaid, to the lady abbesse and to the Couente of the same place and to ther successours, frely, quyetly, fully and holy, wele and in pease, by right heritage for ever, yeldyng therof 20 yerely to hym and to his heires j clowe gelofre at Estere, for all seculer services, customs, sutis of courtis, and demaundes. And Roger Blunde and his heires or assignes warantized, aquyted, and defended for ever, the forsaid kyngis wey, with his per-24 tynentes, to the forsaid lady abbesse and to the Couente of the same place and to ther successours, ayenst all peple, for the forsaid service. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid abbesse yaf to hym half a marke of siluer be-fore handes into warisoñ.

Sale to Godstow, by Roger Blunde, * leaf 177. of a lane.

[clove-gilly-flower.]

Purchase money, 6*s.* 8*d.*

[131.] *A Charter of Symond Hokede confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe ij. acres of mede in Wycombe, & *cetera*. * leaf 182, back. About 1270.

28 THE sentence of this charter is, that Symond Hokede, in the way of charite, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, for his helth and of his wyfes

Grant to Godstow, by Simon Hokede, of

2 acres of meadow.

and of his Auncetours, ij. acris of mede in Wycombe, into pure and perpetual almesse; that is to sey, a mede at Pukehege that Richard Aylnod helde, and iij. perches of mede in Est mede of wycombe, the whiche ben next to the mede of Walter Penne, that the same walter helde of Robert Ruem: To be holde, of hym and his heires for ever, quyte fro all seculer seruyce and exaccion. And Symond and his heires warantized the forsaid ij. acres to the forsaid chirche and to the forsaid mynchons ayenst all men. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

About 1270.

[132.] A Charter of Iohn Kyt confermyng to william pipinere one mese, with his partynentis, in Wycombe, & *cetera*.

Sale to * leaf 183. William Pipinere, by John Kyt,

of a messuage.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn kyt yaf, & *cetera*, to william *Pipinere, for his homage and seruyce, and for xxiij. *shillings* of siluer the which he yaf to hym before handes, one mese, with his pertynentis, in wycombe, that lieth bitwene the mese that Robert Alecod held and the mese that william fitz Iohn wever held: To be had and to be holde, of hym and his heires, heritably frely and quyetly, yeldyng therof yerely to the abbesse and couent of Godestowe ij. *shillings*, that is to sey, at the fest of our lady in marche xij. d. and at the fest of Seynt Mighell xij. d.; And to hym and to his heires yerely j. d.; that is to sey, at the fest of our lady in marche j. ob*olus* and at the fest of seynt Mighell j. ob*olus*, for all seruycis and demaundis. And Iohn and his heires warantized the forsaid mese, with his pertynentes, to the forsaid william and to his heires, ayenst all men and all women. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

About 1270.

[133.] A Charter of Anneys the doughtir of Robert Kyt quyte-claymyng to william Pipinere all her right of a mese in wycombe.

Sale to William Pipiner, by Agnes Kyt, of all right in no. 132.

THE sentence of this chartere is, that Anneys, the doughtir of Robert kyt, graunted and quyteclaymed, for her and her heires, in her fre powere, to william Pipinere, all the right that she had or myght haue of that mese, with all his pertynentis, that liethe bitwene the mese that Robert Alecod helde and the mese that william fitz Iohn helde in wycombe: To be had and

to be hold', to the forsaid' william and to his heires, frely quyetly and peasibly for evere. And for this graunte and quyte-claymyng the said' william yaf to her xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis. 4 And Anneys aforsaid', into witnesse of this graunte and quyte-clayme, put to this writyng her seale. Thise beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

[134.] *A Charter of Thomas, Chapeleyne, of Wycombe, quyte-claymynge to the howse of Godestowe, ij. mesis in Wycombe. * leaf 177, back. About 1270.

THE sentence of this charter is that Thomas, Chapeleyne, of 8 wycombe, yaf and quyte-claymed', and confermed' with this present writyng, to the howse of Godestowe for ever, for hym and his heires, for god and for the helth of his sowle and of his auncetours, all the right that he had' or myght have of ij. mesis 12 with *the pertynentis in wycombe vpon the dowery of the chirche in the same towne: So that the forsaid' howse of Godestowe shold' resceive of Symond' Alecod' and of his heires yerely iij. *shillings* at ij. termes of the yere; And of henry 16 Carter and of his heires of William Oscho iiij. *shillings* yerely at ij. termes of the yere, Savyng the tenementis to hym and to his heires. The forsaid' howse shold' yelde therof to the light of the chirche of wycombe yerely ij. d'., And to hym and to his 20 heires j. d'. in Estir day. And for this yifte and quyte-clayme the abbesse of the forsaid' howse yaf to hym xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis. And that thise afore writte thynges shold' be sure, & *cetera*.

Sale to Godstow, by Thomas, chaplain, * leaf 178. of two rent-charges, subject to a quit-rent to a light in Wycombe church. Purchase money, £1.

[135.] *A quyte-clayme of Petir fitz Robert Croenden, quyte-claymyng to the Couent of Godestowe a mese with the pertynentis, & *cetera*. * leaf 175, back. About 1280.

24 THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir Fitz Croenden graunted and quyte-claymed to Flandryne, Abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couente of the same place, that mese, with the pertynentis, that he helde in the towne of wycombe in the lane 28 that was of william daubure: To be hold' and to be had', to the same Abbesse and Couent and to there successours and to there assignes, so that Petir or his heires no right myght clayme in the

Sale to Godstow, by Peter, son of Robert of Crendon, of all his right in a messuage.

same mese nother in his pertynentis. And for this graunte and quyte-clayme, & *cetera*, the forsaid' Abbesse yaf to hym x. *shillings* of siluer, by the handes of Thomas Waudere, than ther steward' there, & *cetera*. Into witnesse of which thynge, & *cetera*. 4

* leaf 178. About 1300.

[136.] *A Charter of the abbesse of Godestowe, confermyng to William May of Wycombe, one howse and one Curtilage of her fee, & *cetera*.

Grant by Godstow, to William May, of a house and curtilage,

THE sentence of this charter is that Alice, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, with one assente and consente, graunted', & *cetera*, to William May of Wycombe, one howse and one curtilage of ther fee in the towne 8 of Wycombe, with the pertynentis, the which lye in the subarbis of Wycombe, with-out the borough, in the strete toward' the west and the Ryver that departith the forsaid' borough and with-oute, and strecchith in length fro the tenement of Henry 12 Dyer toward' the sowthe vnto the fee of sir hugh Spencer toward' the northe, as the markes and depertyngis teche and shewe: To be had' and to be hold', of them and ther successours, to the forsaid' William May and to his heires and to his assignes all, 16 frely, quyetly and holy, pesibly and heritably for evere, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours ij. *shillings* at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of our lady in marche xij. d'. and at Mighelmasse xij. d'., for all seculere 20 seruyces, customs, sutis of courtis, exaccions, and demaundes; so that the said' William and his heires or ther assignes shold' susteyne for ever the forsaid' howse, or another vpon ther forsaide fee, sufficient to neme and to distreyne for the forsaid' 24 rente and the arreragis of hit, yf ther happened' ony. And the abbesse and Couente and ther successours warantized' aquyted' and defended' for evere the forsaid' howse and Curtilage, with the pertynentes, to the forsaid' William and to his heires and to his assignes, 28 ayenst all peple. Into witnesse of which thynge, & *cetera*.

subject to 2*s*. quit-rent,

with special provision for distraint.

* leaf 176, back. 130⁸/₇, Febr.

[137.] *A Charter of Stephyn Agothe, I-pleyd' in the kyngis Courte, for a tenemente in Irelandes lane in Wycombe.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Stephen

THE sentence of this charter is, that Stephen Agothe willed' to be knowe to all cristen men that whan Moolde, Abbesse of

Agothe, of all right in a tenement.

Godestowe, pletedꝫ in the kyngis courte by a breef I-calledꝫ 'Cessauit *per* biennium' for the arreragis of the rente in the towne of wycombe that he helde of the same abbesse in Irelandes
4 lane; Nathelesse that tenement, wiꝥ alꝫ his *per*tynentis (of certayne causes, that is to sey, bothe for arreragis of rentis and for sutis of courtis and for other seruyces therof beyng behynde to the forsaidꝫ Moolde abbesse, wiꝥ-oute ony of right or lord-
8 shipp*e*) after that tyme he wolde yelde hit and vttirly quyte-clayme hit of hym and his heires for ever, So that nother he nor none in his name myght axe in ony wyse ony right or clayme in the forsaidꝫ tenemente. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at
12 wycombe, in the purifiyng of oure lady, the xxxv. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde.

[138.] *A Graunte of Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to Richardꝫ Fitz William simple of Clyftoñ, for j pece of londe wiꝥ dichis and heggis, and wiꝥ alle other partynentis, & *cetera*.

* leaf 175, back. About 1310.

Grant by Godstow, to William Simple, for life-term, of an enclosure.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Moolde, Abbesse of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, wiꝥ their owne
16 assente and consente, yaf, & *cetera*, to William fitz Richardꝫ simple of Clyftoñ, j pece of londe wiꝥ diches and heggis liyng to, wiꝥ alꝫ his other *per*tyne*ntes*, aboue Ludewatir in the parissꝥ of wycombe of the Southe *par*te, and buttiꝥ one hede
20 to the londꝫ of Sir Rob*er*t Fyneel of the west parte, and another hede to the woode of the prioresse of Merlawe: To be hadꝫ and to be holdꝫ, of them and of ther successouris, to the forsaidꝫ William fitz Richardꝫ simple to his lyf, al so frely, quyetly, *holy
24 wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to them̃ and to ther successours vj. dꝫ., that is to sey, at the fest of Seynt Mighelꝫ iij. dꝫ. and at the fest of our lady in marche iij. dꝫ., for alꝫ seculer seruyce and demaundes. And the forsaidꝫ Molde and the Couente
28 and their successours warantizedꝫ alꝫ the forsaidꝫ pece of londꝫ, dyches, and heggis, wiꝥ alꝫ ther *per*tynentis, to the forsaide William, to his lyf only, ayenst alꝫ peple. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

[Marlow priory.]

* leaf 176.

DORSETSHIRE

[Maiden Newton.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow was still in receipt of this rent-charge of £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, less 13*s.* 4*d.* paid to the bailiff: *Monast.* iv. 375–6.]

* leaf 219, back. A.D. 1270.

[139.] * A Charter of Pagane de Cadurcijs, made to the mynchons of Godestow, for x. mark yerly in mayden Newntoñ.

Grant to Godstow, by Pain de Chaworth (died 1278), of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly, payable (at Hullavingdon) out of lands at Maiden Newton,

The sentence of this charter is, that Pagane de Cadurcijs yaf, graunted, and by his present charter confermed, to god and to the chirch of our lady and seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons ther servyng god and for evermore to serve, for the helth of his soule and for the soule of hawyse his modir and for all his auncetours and successours, in fre pure and perpetuel almesse, x. mark, of yerely rent, at hauyndoñ, at ij termes in the yere for evermore to be takeñ; that is to sey, at Estir v. mark, and at the fest of seynt Mighell v. mark; and that of ser Iohn Cheverell, knyght, and his heires, for dyuerse tenementis which the forseid ser Iohn held of hym in the towne of Maiden Newntoñ: * To be had and to be hold, the forsaid rente, of hym and his heires, to the forseid mynchons and to ther successours, in fre pure and perpetuell almesse for evermore. And the forsaid Pagane and his heires, the forsaid rent of x. mark, to the forseid mynchons and to ther successours, ayenst all maner of peple shall warantize acquyte and defende for euermore. He willed and ordeyned that of the forseid rent the said Couent shold have for evermore viij. marke to ther clothyng; and a mark, to their pytaunce the day of the holdyng of the obite of Hawyse his modir; And a marke to their pytaunce the day of the holdyng of the obite of Eve his Graunt dame: So that the Abbesse, nother her Steward, no thyng elles do with the forsaid rent, neither to chaunge or to make other ordenaunce. And that this his yifte, graunte, and his charter con-

* leaf 220.

of which £5 6*s.* 8*d.* should be for a clothing allowance; 13*s.* 4*d.* for a pittance on his mother's anniversary; and 13*s.* 4*d.* for a pittance

fermyng, shold stond ferme and stable for evermore, he strengthed his present chartir with his seale. These beynge witnesse: *ser* Rob*ert* of Owotot, and Rob*ert* of Mucegros, *ser* Patrik, and hereuyke de Cadurcijs, his bretherñ, *ser* Rob*ert* of lustehill and walrand of Bluntesdoñ, Iohn the son*e* of walrand, Maist*er* Robert Mayngnard, than keper of the hous of Godestow, and many other.

on his mother's mother's anniversary.

[140.] A writyng fro Pagan de Cadurcijs to *ser* Iohn Cheverell, & *cetera*. 1270, July 17.

THE sentence of this writyng was made fro Pagane de Cadurcijs vnto *ser* Iohn of Cheverell, knyght, and to his heires and his assignes who-so-ever thei were: Sendith gretyng in god, where [to] the religious ladies Abbesse and Couent of Godestow, by his charter, in pure and p*er*petuell almesse, x. mark of yerely rent of yow for certeyne tenementis in the towne of mayden Newntoñ, which to hym ye were wonte to pay at ij. t*er*mes in the yere at hauyngdoñ to be takeñ, for hym and for his heires, for evermore he yaf and assigned; [he bade] yow, and by the tenour of this p*re*sent writyng yaf in comaundement, that fro hens forthe, of the payment of the forseid rent at the same t*er*mes and place to be made, vnto the forseid Religious or to their*e* attorney, beryng thise l*ett*res or ony other l*ett*res of p*ro*curacie, and w*ith*-out ony defaute be ye intendaunte, in full payment makyng. In witnesse wherof to thise p*re*sent l*ett*res, he put to his seale. The date is at Godestow, in the day of seynt kenelme kyng and martir. The yere of our lord god a thousand two hundred and Seventy.

Letter by Pain de Chaworth, directing his tenant, Sir John de Cheverell, to pay to Godstow the quit-rents of £6 13*s*. 4*d*. due from his freeholds, as in no. 139. [Hullavingdon, co. Wilts.]

[141.] *A Confirmacioñ of Patrick de Cadurcijs confermyng to the mynchons of Godestow the forseid x. mark of yerely rent. * leaf 221. 1283, June 6.

THE sentence of this confirmacioñ is, that Patrik de Cadurcijs Sendith gretyng in god: know ye vs that we have beholdeñ the Chart*er* of *ser* Pagane our brother in thise wordes: 'Be hit knowen to all maner of men to whom this p*re*sent writyng shall come to, that I pagane de Cadurcijs yaf, graunted, and by my p*re*sent chart*er* confermed, to god and to the chirche of our lady seynt marie and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the

Confirmation to Godstow, by Patrick de Chaworth (died 1283), of his brother Pain's

grant (as in no. 139).

mynchons ther servyng god and to serve for ever, for the helthe of my soule and for the soule of Hawyse my modir and for all myne auncetours and successours, in fre pure and perpetuell almesse, x. mark of yerely rent at Hauyndon at two termes in the yere to be taken for evermore: that is to sey, at Estir v. mark, And at the fest of seynt Mighell v. mark, and this * of ser Iohn Cheverell and his heires for dyuerse tenementis which the seid Iohn held of me in the towne of Mayden Newnton: To have and to hold, all the forseid rente, of him and his heires, to the forseid mynchons and to ther successours, in fre pure and perpetuell almesse for evere. And I the forsaid Pagane and myne heires all the forseid rent of x. mark to the forseid mynchons and to ther successours ayenst all maner of peple shall warantize acquyte and defende for euermore. I wille also and ordeyne that of the forseid rent the Couent haue yerely viij. mark vnto their clothyng, and a marke vnto a pytaunce in the day of the obite of hawise his modir, And a marke to a pytaunce in the day of the obite of Eve his graunt dame: So that the Abbesse or her Steward shall do none other thyng with the forseid rent nor chaunge nor make ordenaunce. And that this my yifte, graunte, and charter confermyng, ferme and stable and vnhurt shall abide for ever, this present charter I have Istrengthed with the prynte of my seale. These beyng witnesse: ser Robert de Tybetot and ser Robert Musegrose, ser Patrik and hereuyke de Cadurcijs his brethren, And many other.' This forseid yifte and graunte to stond ferme and stable for vs and for our heires, this present writyng we conferme. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng we have put to our seale. These beyng witnesse: the worshipfulle Fadre Peter, bisshop of Excetir, ser Richard of Colleshyll, ser Robert of Luffeteshull, and ser Iohn walrand, knyghtis, Roger of wrytell, and many other. The date is at Chynemareford, in the fest of whitsontyde, The yere of the reigne of king Edward þe xj^th^.

* leaf 221, back.

[Peter Quirol, bishop of Exeter, 1280–1291.]

1283, June 6.

[142.] A writyng how Paterik de Cadurcius wrote to Alexandre of Cheverell for the x. mark aforseid, & *cetera*.

Letter by Patrick de

THE sentence of this writyng [is], that Patrik de Cadurcijs wrote to Alexandre of Cheverell, the sone of ser Iohn of

Chaworth, directing his tenant Alexander of Cheverell, to pay the rent-charges (as in no. 141), to Godstow.

Cheverell, knyght, and to his heires, and to his assigneis, what-so-ever thei be: Send gretyng in our lord god; wher, [to] the Religious ladies Abbesse and Couent of Godestow, *ser* Pagane
4 de Cadurcijs, our brother, by his charter, in pure and *per*petuel almesse, x. mark of yerely rent at hauyngdon to be taken, for hym and his heires, yaf and graunted and assigned: which forseid yifte by our writyng we conferme; and vnto yow by this
8 *pre*sent writyng yeve in comaundement that fro hens forthe vpon the payment * of the forseid rent at the forseid *ter*mes to the forseid Religious or to their attorney with-out ony difficulte that ye take hede and full payment that ye make. In witnesse
12 wherof, to this *pre*sent writyng We have put to our seale, and to *per*petuel memorie thise our *pre*sentis we have made our *lett*res patentis. The date is at Chynemareford, in the fest of whitsontyde, The yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the
16 xj^th^.

* leaf 222.

[Cinderford, Gloucestershire.]

[143.] * A covenaunte bitwene the Abbesse of Godestow and Alexandre Cheverell, son*e* of s*er* Iohn of Cheverell, knyght.

* leaf 220. A.D. 1283.

Agreement between Godstow, * leaf 220, back. and Alexander of Cheverell, as to payment of his rent-charge of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* (as in no. 139 and no. 141),

THE sentence of this covenaunte is made bitwene the Abbesse of Godestow and the Couent of the same place of that one p*ar*tie, and * Alexandre, son*e* and heire of Iohn Cheverell,
20 knyght, on that other p*ar*tie: That is to sey, that where-as Pagane de Cadurcijs to the forseid Abbesse and Covent and their*e* monastorie graunted and yaf by his chart*er* x. mark of yerely rent which he was wonte to have of the forseid s*er* Iohn
24 Cheverell, knyght, of dyuerse tenementis the which he held of hym in Mayden Newnton, to be taken of hym to s*er* Pagane and his heires in the maner of Hauyndon where the same Iohn and his heires the forsaid rent shold paye by his feffemente:
28 And afterward s*er* Patrik of Cadurcijs, brother and heire of the forsaid s*er* Pagane, by his chart*er*, assigned the forseid Alexandre and his heires and assignes and all other that shold hold the forseid tenementis that in all wise to paye the forseid rent
32 to the forseid Abbesse and Couent and to there Monastery aforseid, So that to them forthwith to aunswere of the seid rent. And the forseid Abbesse, w*ith* one wille and assent of her Covent

aforseid, and in like wise of the assente of the forseid Alexandre, assigned the forseid Alexandre and his heires and his assignes a certeyne place, that is to sey, at their Maner of Eton next Criklade, to the payment of the forseid rent there euery yere at the termes to be made: So that the messanger that bryngith that rente thedir shall have there all his expenses, by the same day and nyght, And more-over as longe as he abidith for the acquytance. And also they promysed, and bounden hem-self and their house, to the forseid Alexandre and to his heires and to his assigneis, that thei ayenst all peple shall acquyte and save harmelesse the seid Alexandre and all other of the rent aforseid, yf hit happith therfor to be vexed or troubled. And also they sold not aske of the forseid Alexandre neither of his heires nother of his assignes, neither Relef nor other service, saaf only the forseid rent fro yere in-to yere of x. marke. And yf hit happe that ony of the heires of the forsaid Alexandre or of his assignes or the heires of their heires to be in the kepyng and warde of the Chief lordis of that fee, of the which they hold or shalle hold the forseid tenementis by a knyght service, the forsaide Abbesse and Couent, duryng the same kepyng, of the hondes of theyme that shall hold the seid tenementis, the seid rent shall * resceive, So that the same heires whan that thei come to their lawfull age in no wise stonde bounden or be distreyned for the arreragis therof, what-so-ever it be; Saaf whan they ben come to theire lawfull age, afterward for them-self ben bound to pay hit. And the forseid Alexandre wolleth and grauntith, for hym, his heires, and his assigneis, that all the other londes and tenementis that he holdith in Maiden Newnton [be bound] to the forsaid Abbesse and Couent and to ther monastery aforseid, [for] the forseid yerely rent of x. mark, to be taken yerely of all his londis and tenementis aforseid for evermore atte termes aforseid, that is to sey, the one half therof atte fest of seynt Mighell and that other half atte fest of the Annunciacion of our Lady at the forseid Maner of Eton next Criklade, as it is aforseid. And yf hit happe that the forsaid Alexandre, or his heires, or his successours who-so-ever thei be, to faile of the payment of the forseid rent, in parte or in all, at ony of the seid termes, than it shall be lefull to the forseid Abbesse and Couent them that so faileth for the arreragis

at Water-eaton manor near Cricklade, Godstow undertaking to entertain the person who brings the money,

and promising to claim no 'relief' or other feudal service,

and agreeing to collect the rent-charge from the holder's guardians during a minority,

* leaf 221.

and Alexander of Cheverell subjecting all his Maiden Newton property to distraint for said rent-charge.

therof in all the forseid' tenementis and all catalles that therin may be founde resonably to distreyne, as hit was lefull to the forseid' *ser* Pagane and to his heires and his assignes, yf the rent aforseid' thei held' in their owne hondes. In witnesse wherof the p*ar*ties aforseid' to this p*re*sent writyng, endented' ent*er*chaungeably, have sette to her seales. These beyng witnesse: *ser* Rob*er*t of Meysy, *ser* Richard' of Ryvers, *ser* Iohn Goolofur*e*, *ser* Iohn walrand', ser william of Bluntesdon', knyghtis, and many other.

[143 *. Quitrents[1] at Maiden Newton.]

* M*emorandum* the yere and Reyne of kyng hary the vij*th* after the Conquest the xj yere, of the Rent of Maydyn Newton in dyuers p*ar*sell. *** leaf 224. 1496.**

It*em*: of thomas Frome for ij tenementys . .	v s. vj d.
It*em*: the heyrys of Iohn Cheverell for on tene-ment	xviij d.
It*em*: Wyllyam Cosere for ij akers & iij rodys and on close	iij s. viij d.
It*em*: Iohn Obley & Wyllyam Edwardys for[2] bowe j lond for x acre of Arabyll lond callyd Bordlond w*ith* pastur for a c schype . .	x s.
It*em*: Rychard Rowlond for v akers of Arabyll lond w*ith* pastur for xl schip . .	v s.
It*em*: the same Rychard Rowlond for j close .	iij s. iiij d.
It*em*: Iohn baker & Edward Baker bowe for on tenement callyd bordlond w*ith* pastur for cccc schep	lxvi s. viij d.
It*em*: for the Abbot of Cerym for a tenement callyd Bottreau	xxxviij s. v d.

Inexact statement of the items of the £6 13*s.* 4*d.* rent-charge,

£6 14*s.* 1*d.* being accounted for.

The S*umma* of the holle vj li. xiiij s. j d.

ye most haue yt of my lord schuse and my lord storston and the abbott of seryn[3], and ye may strayne on for all, and all for on, the holl sum vj li. xiij s. iiij d., wyche Evydnese[4] haue byn seyn, xj yere of kyng hary the vij.

[1] This scribbling is the last writing in the MS. [2] Possibly = 'bothe for.' [3] Possibly Zouch, Stourton, Cerne. [4] evidences.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

[BOURTON.]

[NOTE.—The witnesses to this deed (in the Exchequer MS.) are Adam, Walerand, Jordan, and Walter, priests of Godstow; Thomas, priest of Dalesforde; Symon, of Suelle; Herebert, of Bradeuell; Ralph, of Suelle; William, of Bageherste. These, according to custom, appear to be the clerics of the parishes Daylesford, Upper Swell, Broadwell, and Lower Swell which are next Bourton-on-the-hill. Donnington is a hamlet, somewhat to the north of Upper Swell and Broadwell. The benefaction seems later than Pope Celestine III's confirmation, 1192, and to have been alienated before pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio*, 1291.]

* leaf XXVI or 37. About 1195.

[144.] * Chartur of william of Doninton of a yerdelonde in Bourton.

Grant to Godstow, by William of Donnington, son of John of Bourton-on-the-hill, [Nun's dower.] of 5*s.* 6*d.* quit-rent out of a yard-land, subject to a quit-rent to Evesham abbey, with right of reversion if the direct line of tenants fail.

THE sentence of this chartur is þ*a*t william of Doninton, þe sone of Iohn of bourton, bi þe consente of his heiris, gaf & grauntid̄, & confirmid̄ wiþ his chartur, to god & to þe churche of our̄ ladi & of seinte Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons þer̄ seruinge god̄, in-to pure fre & p*er*petuel almis, for þe helþe of his sowle & of his wife & of his fadur & of his modur & of his children, w*ith* his dowht*er* Isabell̄, j. yerde of londe in bourton, þe whiche þe heiris of wido his vncle helde as heire, of þe whiche thei sholde pay yerli to þe fore-seid̄ minchons of Godestowe v. s*hillings* vj. d̄, of whiche þe fore-seid minchons sholde pay oute yerli bi his hondis & his heiris to þe abbot of Eynish*am*[1] xviij. d̄, for all̄ seruice þ*a*t longith to þ*a*t londe; & if hit falle þ*a*t þe heiris of wido faile, þe fore-seide londe sholde turne & abide fre & louse to þe churche of Godestowe, sauinge þe fore-seide s*er*uice of þe abbot of Eynysh*am*[1]. Also he & his heiris sholde warantiȝe to þe fore-seide Minchons þe fore-seide londe for euir: & is w*ith*-oute date.

[1] The Latin has 'Euesham.'

[Cherrington, and Charlton in Tetbury Parish.]

[Note.—The document is incomplete, a leaf being lost. In the Latin Register (Exchequer MS.) there is no mention of this estate. The gift is later than the 1291 valuation of pope Nicholas IV. In 1540 Godstow was receiving (*Monast.* iv. 375) from it £1 14*s.* from the customary tenants and £3 5*s.* 8*d.* from the freeholds, and paying out 6*s.* 8*d.* for the bailiff's fee.]

[145.] *A Charter of Annore, somtyme the wyf of Hugh Mortemere, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestow Cheryngton and Charleton. * leaf 217, back. About 1300?

The sentence of this Charter is, that Annore, somtyme the wyf of ser hugh Mortymer, in her fre wedowhode and of her owne wille and of her fre mariage, yaf, graunted, and by her present charter confermed, to god and to our Lady seynt Marie and to the chirche of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the holy mynchons ther servyng god, for the helthe of her soule and of her lord ser hugh Mortymere her husbond, and for her fadirs and modirs soule and for the soules of all her auncetours and successours, Raaf, bondman, of Cumbe, and Gonnylde his wyf, with all theire sequele; and Emme, wedow, of Cheryngton, with all her sequele; and Roger, the sone of Aleyne, bondman, and Alice his wyf, with all ther sequele; and Walter, the sone of Hulyn, bondman, and Godihold his wyf, with all theire sequele; and all the rentis and service which william, the sone of Helye, of Charleton, and Geffrey of Cheryngton, and Robert of westrooppe, and Hugh Smyth of Charleton, and Iohn Everard, of Charleton, with-in the parissh of Tedbury, which to hym thei ought and vsed to make; with all the londes of the bondmen, with relefis, and heriettis, mariagis, Eschetis, and riall services, and with all other rentis and thyngis which gone out or may gone out of the forsaid lond: To have and to hold, to the forseid mynchons of Godestowe, frely and quyetly, in pure and perpetuel almes, with all the forseid bondmen and their tenementis, and with all the services of the fre tenauntis, and all other pertynentis, with-out any with-holdyng.

Grant to Godstow, by Annore widow of Sir Hugh Mortimer,

of her serfs, their families, and their lands, viz. Ralph, Emma, Roger, Walter;

and of rent-charges on her freeholds.

[Leaf missing.]

[DAGLINGWORTH.]

[NOTE.—The pension of 2*s.* paid by this church to Godstow is mentioned in pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio*, 1291, and was still paid at the dissolution, 1540 (*Monast.* iv. 375).]

* leaf XXVI or 37. About 1150.

Grant to Godstow by Ralph Bloet, of the advowson of the church.

[146.] * Chartur of Raph bloet for the churche of Daglingworthe.

THE sentence of this chartur is, þat Raph bloet gaf, & grauntid, to god & to our ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste & to þe churche of Godestowe & to þe holi minchons þer seruinge god, his churche of Daglingworth, wiþe all his pertinences, into perpetuel almis, for þe helþe of his sowle & of his predecessours, freli & quietli fro all seculer seruice: & is with-oute date.

[NOTE.—Witnesses are Matthew, archdeacon of Gloucester (died 1177); Robert of Meisi; Robert of Everci, &c.]

* leaf XXVI or 37, back. About 1150.

Confirmation to Godstow, by the donor's brother Walter Bloet, of no. 146.

[147.] * Chartur of watur bloet confirminge þe gyfte of þe churche of Dalingworþe.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat watur bloet gaf & grauntid, & confirmid, with his writinge, to god & to þe churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestow, & to þe minchons þer seruinge god, for þe helþe of his sowle & of his aunceturs & successurs, þe gifte þe whiche sire Raph bloet, his brother, made to hem & confirmid with his writinge, Also the churche of Dalingworþe, with all his pertinens, in-to pur & perpetuel almis: & þat his graunt shold be sure, he put to his seele: & is with-oute date[1].

About 1220.

Confirmation to Godstow, by the donor's nephew

[148.] Chartur of william bloet confirminge þe same gifte a-fore of the churche of Dalingworþe.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat william bloet, for þe sake of charite & loue, for his owne helþe & for þe sowlis of his auncetur's & successours, grauntid, & confermid with his writinge, to god & to þe church of our ladi and seint Iohn

[1] Witnesses: (the donor) Ralph Bloet, and Stephen of Silcestria.

baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons *þere* seruinge god', þe churche of Dalingworþe, w*ith* all his p*er*tinenc*es*, in-to pure & p*er*petuel almis, fre & quiete fro all seculer seruice & exaccion, as his vncles Raph & walt*er* bloet gaf & grauntid' & confirmid' to þe fore-seide minchons, as her charturs witnessin: & þ*at* his gifte & confirmacion sholde a-bide stable & firme, he put to his seele to þis p*re*sent writinge: & is w*ith*-oute date[1].

William Bloet, of no. 146.

[149.] *Confirmacion of Raph p*rior* of wircetur gen*er*al vicari of Rog*er* bisshopp of wircetur for þe churche of Dalingworthe.

* leaf XXVII or 38. About 1165.

Confirmations to Godstow, by Sir Ralph Bloet and by Ralph de Bedeford, prior of Worcester (1146–89), vicar-general of Roger, bishop of Worcester (1164–79), of the advowson of the church.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, þ*at* whenne Raph, p*r*ior of wircet*ur*, kepid' þe stede of Roger, bisshoppe of wircetur, Raph bloet[2], knyht, grauntid & confirmid', in þe p*re*sence of þe seid' p*ri*or & of mathewe, archedecun of gloucetur, to þe abbas & to þe mynchons of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, þe churche of Dalingworth, in-to p*er*petuel almis, in þe full chapitur of þe clerk*es* of cicetur: þe same raph also, bi þe autorite þ*at* he had, confirmid' to þe fore-seid' churche, abbas, & minchons, þe fore-namid' gifte, & strengthid' hit by þe ordre of þis writinge, & bi settynge to of his seele; & is w*ith*-oute date.

[150.] Conuencion I-made bitwene þe churche of Godestowe & Iohn of Cundewille vppon þe church of Dalingworþe.

About 1165.

Promise to Godstow, by John of Cundewell, incumbent, to pay Godstow a pension of 2*s.* out of the church,

THIS was þe conuencion bi-twene þe churche of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, & Iohn of Cundewell, clerke, vppon þe churche of Dalingeworth: þat þe fore-seid' Iohn sholde haue to pension j. besaunt or ij. *shillings* yerli w*ith*-in þe vtas of seint Iohn baptiste, in the name of þe fore-seid' churche of Dalingworþe, to be paid' at Godestowe: & to þis couenaunt to be holde þe fore-seid' Iohn made an othe bodili in þe p*re*sens of þe Abbas & of all þe couent & of mony o*þer* feiþful me*n*, euin as he had made

[1] Witnesses: 'Sir' Simon of Hinton, Absalom of Stanton, Sir Ralph Harang, Sir William of Sewekesworthe.

[2] The re-grant by the donor was possibly due to some confusion caused by the frequent vacancies in the see, bishop Simon dying in 11$\frac{48}{50}$; bishop John Pagham, in 1157; and bishop Alfred, in 1160.

couenaunt a-fore bi-twene hem in the chapit*ur* at cicetur, to þe whiche oþe were p*re*sente sir Raph, p*ri*or of wircetur, & maistur petur, þe archedecun's official of þe same place. Also he diđ make þe oþe of fewte, to be [true] to þe fore-seide churche of Godestowe: & if hit fille þat þe seiđ Iohn wolde goo backe fro þe fore-seide conuencion, þe abbas reseruiđ to her selfe, bi þe same Iohn co*n*sentinge, þe goinge a-geine to alł quareł þ*at* she had bi-fore a-geiniste him: & is w*ith*-oute date.

and oath of fealty to Godstow.

* leaf XXVI or 37, back. About 1200.

[151.] *Chartur of Maunsel[1] bisshoppe of wyrcetur confirminge the same gifte of þe churche of Dalingworthe.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Maugere, bishop of Worcester (1199–1212), of no. 149.

THE sentence of þis confirmacion [is], þ*at* Mansel[1], bisshope of worcetur, williđ & acceptiđ wilfulli þe gifte þ*at* Raph bloet made to þe church & to þe holi minchons of Godestowe of þe churche of Dalingworþe, þe which þe seiđ Raph grauntiđ to hem, in-to puŕ & p*er*petueł almis, & walt*er* bloet his broþ*er* confirmiđ to hem, as he had sei bi heŕ chart*urs*: & þis gifte Raph, sumtime prior of wyrcetur, kepinge þe stede of goode william[2] sumtime bisshoppe of wircetur, Also confirmiđ hit to hem: þer-fore þ*at* þis gifte myht bide firme & stable in time to come, he decreiđ, w*ith* þis p*re*sen*t* writinge, to confirme hit vndur þe witnes of his seele, & williđ & ordeinid, bi the autorite þ*at* he was[3] bisshoppe, þ*at* þe fore-seiđ minchons sholde take of þe fore-seide churche þe same pension þat þei weŕ wonid to take in þe timis of his p*re*decessours, þ*at* is to sei, j. gilden or twei[4] s*hillings* yerli, in þe feste of seint Mihel, to be paiđ to hem, sauinge to him & to his successours þe ryht þ*at* longyth to þe bisshoppe[5].

[A gulden.]

* leaf 152, back. 1225, April.

[152.] *A fynał acorde I-made bitwene William Bluet and felice Abbesse of Godestowe for the avowry of the chirch of dalyngworth.

Quit-claim to Godstow,

THE sentence is þat a fynal acorde was I-made, in the kyng*es* courte at westmynst*er*, fro the day of Est*er* into a monthe, the

[1] In error. The Latin has 'Mauger.'
[2] In error. The Latin has 'Roger, of good memory, formerly bishop of Worcester.'
[3] Read 'had as.'
[4] The figures 'ii.' are written over the word.
[5] Witness: W. de Verdun, archdeacon of Gloucester.

ix yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, afore martyn of patishill, *Thomas of Muleton, Thomas Heydon, Robert Lexynton, Geffrey Sauuage, and other trew men of the kyngis there at that tyme beyng present, bitwene William Bluet[1], axer, and Felice, Abbesse of Godestowe, deforcer, by Absolon, Chapeleyn, I-put in her stede to gete or to lese, of the Avowrye of the chirch of Dalyngworth, wherof hit was I-pleyd bitwene þem in the same Courte: that is to sey, that the forsaid William [knowliched] the avowry of the said chirch to be the right to the same Abbesse and to ther chirch of Godestowe, and relesed hit, and quyte-claymed, of hym and of his heires, to the same abbesse and abbessis the which shold succede to her, and to her chirch of Godestowe for ever. And for this recognycion, relese, quyte-clayme, fyne, and acorde, the same Abbesse resceived the same William and his heires in all benefetis and prayers that shold be do afterward in the chirche of Godestowe.

by William Bluet, * leaf 153.

of all title in the advowson,

in consideration of mention in Godstow prayers.

[153. Presentation by Godstow to the rectory of Daglingworth.]

*Reuerendo in christo patri et domino domino Siluestro dei gracia Wigorniensi episcopo, eius[2]ue vicario in spiritualibus generali, vestre humiles et deuote in christo filie, Isabella Braynton, permissione diuina monasterij beate marie virginis et sancti iohannis baptiste de godstow abbatissa, et eiusdem loci conventus ordinis sancti benedicti lincolniensis diocesis, omnimodas obediencias et reuerencias tanto patri debitas cum honore. Ad rectoriam ecclesie parochialis sancti iacobi de daglyngworthe dicte Wigorniensis diocesis, per resignacionem Magistri Iohannis Wilcokes vltimi rectoris eiusdem vacantem, et ad nostram presentacionem pleno iure spectantem cum omnibus suis iuribus et pertinencijs vniuersis, Salua nobis annua pensione vnius bizancie vel duorum solidorum infra octauas natiuitatis sancti iohannis baptiste, nomine predicte ecclesie de Daglyngworth, apud Godstow predictam per rectorem soluendorum, ac eciam pensione quadam annua cuidam Magistro thome heywode in decretis bacallario quondamque rectori ibidem, videlicet, quadraginta solidorum ad duos anni terminos per

* leaf 223. 1509, May 25. Letter by Godstow, to Silvester Gigles, bishop of Worcester (1498–1521),

intimating vacancy of the rectory by death of John Wilcokes,

claiming the yearly pension of 2s. to Godstow, and also a pension of £2 to Thomas Heywode, Decret. Bacc., a

[1] See no. 148. [2] 'vestro' is written over 'eius' as a correction.

former rector,

eundem rectorem predicto Magistro heywode soluendorum, videlicet ad festa annunciacionis beate marie virginis et sancti michaelis archangeli per equales porciones, omnimodo salua,

and presenting John A. for institution.

Dilectum nobis in christo Dominum I. A. Capellanum vestre reuerende paternitati intuitu caritatis presentamus Supplicantes humiliter et deuote quatenus predictum Dominum Iohannem ad rectoriam ecclesie parochialis de Daglyngworth sepedict*am* admittere velitis ipsumque rectorem in eadem canonice instituere dignemini graciose Ceteraque peragere et facere que vestro in hac parte incumbunt officio pastorali. Datum in domo nostra capitulari sub sigillo nostro communi xxv die mensis maij Anno domini M°CCCCC° ix°.

[Leaf 223, back, is blank.]

[DUNTISBORNE.]

* leaf XXVI or 37. About 1155.

[154.] *Chartur of Raph bloet for þe church of dantesburne.

Grant to Godstow, by Ralph Bloet, of the advowson of the church.

* leaf XXVI or 37, back.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat Raph bloet gaf, & grauntid', to god' & to our' ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste & to þe churche of Godestowe & to þe holi minchons þ*er*e seruinge god', her' churche of dantesburne, w*ith* all his p*er*tinens, in-to p*er*petuel almis, for þe helþe of his sowle & of his pre*decessours, freli & quietli fro all seculer seruice: & is w*ith*-oute date[1].

About 1155.

[155.] Chartur of Raph bloet, of his modur, & brethryne, to Iohn bisshoppe of wicetur for þe monasteri of Dancesburne[2].

Intimation to John Pagham, bishop of Worcester (1151–1157), of the gift of the advowson to Godstow.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*a*t Raph bloet, his modur, & breþyrn, willid' to be knowe to Iohn, bisshoppe of wyrcetur, & to his archedecuns & denis, þ*a*t þei had' grauntid' þe monasterij of Dantesburne[3], to god' & to our' ladi & to seint Iohn & to þe couent of Godestowe, in-to p*er*petuel almis, þe whiche monasteri was of his patronage & of his fee: fur*þer*more þei p*r*eied' for þe loue of god' þ*a*t þ^e^ fore-seide bisshoppe archedecuns & denis

[1] Witnesses: Matthew, archdeacon of Gloucester (died 1177), Robert of Meisi, &c., and the chapter of Cirencester (Scirincestrie).

[2] In the Latin (Exchequer MS.) 'Daglingworth' in the rubric, but 'Dantesburne' in the text.

[3] 'monasterium de Dantesburne.' Monasterium = church.

wold' *gr*aunt þis, & commaun*d*' to seysonne hem in hit, for þe fore-namid' Raph & his brethirn sette þe*re* her' sistur' to serue god' & seint Iohn: & is w*ith*-oute date. [Nun's dower.]

[Frampton on Severn.]

[156.] *Chaunt*er*[1] of walt*er* clifford' of Framton for þe mille þe*re* & a litil mede. * leaf XL or 50, back. About 1180.

4 The sentence of þis euidence is, þ*at* walt*er* clifford' grauntid' & gafe, for þe helþe of his sowle & for þe sowlis of his wife Margaret clifford' & of his dowht*er* Rosamu*n*de & oþ*er* frendis & p*re*decessours, to þe churche of Godestowe & to þe minchons þe*re* 8 seruinge god', his mille of framton w*ith* all his p*er*tinenc*es*, & [a] litil mede[2] liinge vndur þe mille, þ*at* is callid lechtun, in-to pur' & p*er*petuel almis, freli & quietli fro all exaccion & demaunde, sauinge þe griste of his owne howsholde the which sholde be 12 quiet to him & to his heiris of þe tolne; & of[3] his salte in Whiche w*ith* all þe p*er*tinenc*es*, he grauntid' & gafe also, in-to pur' & p*er*petuel almis, perpetuelli to be holde, as freli & quietli as eu*er* he helde hit whenne *þ*at* he helde hit beste. This gifte 16 made he, w*ith* þe consent & assent of þe kinge & his heiris: & walt*er* clifford' þe yungur', þe sone & heire of walt*er* clifford' a-fore-seide þe whiche made þis gifte, grauntid' hit euin as his fadur grauntid' & gaf hit. Also he confirmid' hit w*ith* his scele 20 for euir: & is w*ith*-oute date.

Grant to Godstow, by Walter of Clifford (died about 1190), in commemoration of his wife Margaret and daughter Rosamond (died about 1176), of a mill (but exempting his household corn from toll), with a meadow, and confirmation of the salt-pit in Wiche (no. 199). * leaf XLI or 51.

[157.] Chartur of walt*er* clifford' for þe mille of framton euin þe same þ*at* is a-fore. About 1180. Confirmation to Godstow by Walter of Clifford (died 1222), the donor's son, of no. 156.

[158.] Chartur of Ric*hard* Clifford' for þe mille of framton. About 1195.

The sentence of þis chartur is, þ*at* Ric*hard* clifford' grauntid', & confirmid', to god' & to þe howse of Godestowe & to þe holi minchons þ*ere* seruinge god', þe mille of framton w*ith* all his 24 p*er*tinenc*es*, in-to pure & p*er*petuel almis. Furþ*er*more he gaf & Confirmation to Godstow, by Richard of Clifford, lord of

[1] A slip for 'charter.' Printed in *Monast.* iv. 366.

[2] 'quoddam pratellum.'

[3] Omit 'of.' 'Et eciam salinam meam in Wichia.'

Frampton, the donor's second son, of no. 156, and grant of the toll (exempted in no. 156).

grauntid' to hem, in-to encresinge of his fadurs gifte, þe tolne of þe griste of his lordeship & howse-holde of framton of all cornis, holli & fulli, fre & quit fro all' customs & exaccion seculer': & þat his gifte and' graunt miht be sure, he set to his seele: and is with-owte date.

About 1195. Duplicate of no. 158.

[159.] Anoþer acordinge to þe same, almoste worde for worde.

1228.

[160.] Ageiniste þe vicari of framton for þe tithis of þe mille þere.

Pope Gregory IX's commissioners, in the suit made by the vicar of Frampton,

THE sentence of þis euidence is, þat pope Gregori sende a delegaci to þe priores of lantoñ & of seint Oswalde, & to þe dene of Gloucetur', of worcetur' diocese, þat þei sholde here Stephin, vicari of Framton, plaine, & þe abbas, defendaunt, vppon tithis & oþer thinges þat þe seide abbas & oþer wrongin him; also ende hit lawfulli, aftur þat þei haue knowe þe cause bitwene hem, appele sette a-side; & þat þat þei decreid' þat þei make hit sureli to be kept: witnes þat bin callid' & namid', if þei withdrawe hem for fauor drede or hatered', þat þei be constreinid' bi þe censure of þe churche, appele cesinge, to sei þe trewthe: & if þei all' miht not be at þe doinge of þis, at þe leste yet tweine sholde execute þis maundement: the date at rome, at Seint petur', þe viij idus of aprille, þe secunde yere of his popehode. þe abbas of Godestowe & þe couent I-callid' a-fore hem bi the autorite of þis maundement, whenne þat þe seide vicare askid' þe tithis of þe mille of framton bi þe commune lawe in þe name of þe church of framton a-fore hem of þe foreseide abbas & couent þat þei sholde be assinid' to him; þe contrari parte seide ageine, þat þei were wrongefulli vexid' vppon þese þinges, for asmuche as þei were I-priuilegid' specialli of þe pope þat þei sholde pai no tithis of here millis. Thus all' þinges lawfulli I-do, aftur þei had' sei þe tenowre of þe foreseide priuileges, & consideri'd' þat þei were wrongfulli I-callid' & vexid' bi lawe ageiniste here priuileges for to pai þe tithis of here millis, & þat þei wer' exempte bi the auctorite of þe pope, þei assoilid' hem fro þe foreseide impeticion for cause of her' priuilege & bi þe councell of wise men; & put þe vicari afore-seide, þat vexid' hem for þe foreseide tithis, to silence: & in-to witnes of þis þei put to here seelis.

appointed 1228, 6th April,

exempt Godstow from paying tithes of Frampton mill,

by a papal privilege.

[161. Title absent.] 1304, July 20.

THE sentence of þis endenture is, þat þe xxxij. yere of þe reine of kinge Edwarde, vppon seint margaretes dai virgin, hit was a-cordid' *bitwene þe religius ladiis, dame Aliȝ Gorges, bi þe grace of god' abbas of Godestowe, & þe couent of þe same place of þe on parte, & william of Framton, I-callid' carpinter, of þe oþer: þat is to sei, þat þe fore-seide abbas & couent gaf grauntid' & toke to þe seide william & to his heiris here mille of framton, with all his pertinences, seutis, & liberteis, to be had' & to be holde, to him & to his heiris, freli quietli & for riht heritage for euer, of þe chife lordis of þe fee, doinge to hem seruices dewe þerof & I-wonid', painge þerof yerli to þe seide religius ladijs xxx. shillings of siluer, þat is to sei, at candelmasse, xv. shillings, & at midsomur, xv. shillings, for all seruices & seculer demaundis: & þe fore-seide religius abbas & couent warantiȝed' & defendid' to þe fore-seide william & to his heiris or assinis þe fore-seide mille with all his pertinences bi þe fore-seid' seruices of xxx. shillings: & if hit happinde þat þe fore-seide william cese in his paiment, in all or in parte, or þat þe fore-seide mille be drownid', brennid', or distruid' bi defaute of amendinge to be do here-aftur in oni wise, he bounde himselfe his heiris & all his londis & tenementes þat he had' or miht haue in þe towne of framton & in all oþer places in þe shire of Glowcetur & also in all þe sheres of Inglonde to þe distressinge of þe attornei of þe seide religius women abbas & couent þat he miht distresse & kepe the distressis or sille hem also ofte as hit is cesid' in þe paiment of þe seide rent, & þat þe fore-seide attornei (þe wiche þat þe seide religius women sende or make attornei bi her opin writinges) haue of þe goodis of þe seide william for euiri distreininge I-made j halfe marke for her harmis & expenses. In-to witnes of þis, þei put to þis writinge endentid' her seelis, euirich a-geiniste oþer: & is with-oute date.

Grant by Godstow,

* leaf XLI or 51, back.

to William, carpenter, and his heirs, of the mill.

Quit-rent, 30s. yearly.

Obligation to keep in repair, and to rebuild, if destroyed by flood or fire.

Liability to distraint.

[162.] Composicion I-made bitwene Robert fitȝpagane lorde of framton & þe abbas of Godestowe & þe couent for xxx. shillings of yerli rente. 1312, April 4.

THE sentence of þis composicion is þis, þat how william I-callid' carpinter, of þe towne of framton, gaf to Robert fitȝ

Confirmation to Godstow, of

the quit-rent (as in no. 161), by Robert son of Pain, lord of Frampton, on his acquiring the mill from William, carpenter.

pagane lorde of þe same towne, & confirmid bi his chartur of feffinge, j wat*ur* mille, w*ith* þe ponde, close, & pastur*e* liinge þ*er*-to, & with þe seute of grindinge, & all o þ*er* p*er*tinenc*es*, in þe fore-seide towne, to be had & to be holde, to him & to his heiris or assinis as hit is fulli contined in his fore-seide chartur, for þe whiche mille þe same william a-fore was wonid to pai to þe ladi abbas and couent of Godestowe, he willid to be knowe þ*at* he was I-bounde bi þis p*r*esent writinge for him-selfe & for his heiris all his man*er* of framto*n*, w*ith* his mille þ*er*w*ith* a-fore-seide, to pai þe xxx. s*hillings* a-fore-seide of yerli re*nt*[1] to þe fore-seide abbas of Godestowe & to þe couent of þe same place fro yer in-to yer*e*, & for to kepe þe fore-seide william harmeles her-aft*ur* for euir fro all hurt*es* distreining*es* or greuis þ*er*of. In-to witnes her*e*-of his seele was hangid to þis writinge. The date at wode Eton, þe iiij. dai of ap*ri*le, þe v. yer of þe reine of kinge Edwarde þe sone of kinge Edwarde.

Powers of distraint.

[Gloucester City.]

[1. Deeds referring to a pension[2] out of St. Mary le Crypt church.]

* leaf 57, back. A.D. 113⅝. Grant to Godstow, by Robert Chichester, bishop of Exeter (1138–55), of a pension of £1 out of St. Mary le Crypt.

[163.] *A evidence of xl s*hillings* of rent in Glouceter.

The sentence of this euidence is, þ*at* R*obert*, by the grace of God bysshop of exetur, ȝaf & grauntid to þe holy mynchons of Godestow xl. s*hillings* in-to p*er*petuel almys ȝerly, þ*at* is to say, in owr*e* lady church of Gloucet*ur* xx. s*hillings*, and in the church of faryndon xx s*hillings*. These beyng wytnys Stephyn, kyng*e* of Inglonde; T*heobald*, Archebysshop of Caunt*er*byry, & mony other. And is w*ith*-owte [date].

1289, Oct. 8. [Faith = Oct. 6.] Decision binding the

[164.] A pension of Seynt mary chirch of Glouceter.

The sentence of this wrytyng [is], þ*at* in þe church of seynte Nicholas of glowcet*ur*, the satyrday next aft*er* þe feste of seynte Fyde v*ir*gine, The ȝer*e* of owr*e* lorde a thowsande two hundred

[1] At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow was still receiving £1 10*s*. from Frampton mills.

[2] This pension was still paid to Godstow at the dissolution, 1540 (*Monast*. iv. 375).

fowre score And nyne, A-fore þe officiall of wyrcetur, whas a sentence diffinityf I-ȝef, by-twene thabbesse and here Couent of þe oon parte & syre Gregorye, person of seynte marye towarde
4 þe sowth of Gloucetur, þat þe same gregorye & euerych & alle his successoures þat fore þe tyme helde þe sayde church were I-bounde euery ȝere to þe payment of the sayde ȝerly pension; & also ofte as þey cesyd, þey to be compellyd to þat payment
8 by censure of þe church. And *to do this þe seyde gregorye, person of þe sayde church, agreyng to þe fore-sayde sentence diffinitif, leyng & takyng the holy gospelys in his[1] handis, made a bodely vowe þat he wolde pay the foresayde pension
12 with-owte oony dilacion to thabbesse & couente of Godestow or to here procutours in the feste of seynte myȝhel, Also longe as he leuyd & had þat church.

parson of St. Mary ad austrum, to pay yearly a pension of £1 to Godstow,

* leaf 58.

as in no. 163.

[2. Grant by Robert of Everci.]

[165.] *A charter of Robert Euersy of j tofte of Roddis and a mansion to Godestowe.

*leaf XLV or 55, back. About 1180.

Grant to Godstow, by Robert of Everci, of land outside and a house inside the wall.

THE sentence of this charter is, þat robert euersy, by the
16 [consent] of agas his wyfe & of his eyeris, ȝaf & grauntyd his toft[2] of roddys, þat whas of turstane, Archedekun of glowcetur, & A mansure or dwellyng place þat whas of robert Oisun, to god &c. & to þe holy mynchons there seruyng god, in-to
20 perpetuel almys, for þe helth of his sowle &c., frely & quietly. The[se] beynge wytnys & *cetera*.

[166.] A Charter of þe priour of seynt Oswaldes of Gloucester of ij shillings & j ti of comyn.

About 1190?

Perpetual lease by Godstow, to St. Oswald's Priory, of no. 165, [Elven gate.] subject to quit-rents of 2s. and

THE sentence of this charter is, þat wylliam, by the mercy of god prior of seynt oswalde of glowcetur, & his successouris[3],
24 & his couent, oft to pay ȝerly, to thabbesse of Godestow & to here couent of the same place, for the londe with-owte Eluengate of Gloucetur, the wyche robert of euersy ȝaf to þe church of Godestow, the which he helde of the sayde mynchons by
28 charter, ij. shillings of sterlynges & j ti. of comyn at þe feste

[1] MS. 'his his.'
[2] Latin 'virgultum.'
[3] This quit-rent seems lost before the dissolution.

a lb. of cumin on Jan. 13 to Godstow, and of 4*s.* to the king.

of seynte hillary, & to þe kyng iiij. [shillings of] sterlyng*es* for alle seruice, exaccion & demaunde. In-to wytnys of the which, he ȝaf to the sayde mynchons this p*re*sent charte*r* I-maade sur*e* by the impreyntyng of his [seele]. These beyng wytnys & c*etera*. 4

[3. Land acquired from Laurence, son of Richard.]

* leaf XLVI or 56, back. About 1200. Grant to Godstow, by Laurence son of Richard, of land near St. Nicholas church.

[167.] A charte*r* of laurence fitȝ Richard of his lond in Glouceter.

THE sentence of this charte*r* is, þ*at* laurence fiȝt Richarde fitȝ Iordan of Glowcet*ur*, in the wey of charite & for the helth of his sowle &c., ȝaf, *gra*unted &c., in-to pur*e* & p*er*petuel almys, all þat londe þ*at* his fadur Richarde fiȝt Iordan bouȝght of raph 8 pynel, the which lyeth by-twene the londe su*m*me tyme of thomas plecche & wyllyam hoyen, in þe grete strete afore the churche of seynte nycholas, to be holde and to be had, welle and in pece, Worschipfully frely quietly fro all seculer 12 custome & exaccion; And þe foresayde laurence fiȝt Richarde fiȝt iordan & his eyeris warantiȝed to þe foresayde holy mynchons the foresayde londe Agaynste alle me*n* & wome*n*, & Aquited the langabul: þese beynge &c. And is w*ith*-owte 16 date.

About 1200.

[168.] Iulian abbesse of Godstow g*ra*unted to laurence fitz Richard, & c*etera*.

Grant by Godstow, to Laurence son of Richard,

THE sentence of this euidence is, þat Iulian, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestow, & alle her*e* couent, ȝaf & grauntyd & w*ith* þere charte*r* confermyd to laurence fiȝt Richarde fiȝt 20 Iordan, for his homage & seruice, þere londe þat þey had in þe town of Glowcet*ur* þe which Ri*chard* fiȝt Iordan fadur of

of no. 168,

the foresayde laurence bought of Ranulph pynel, the which lyeth by-twene þe londe su*m*metyme of thomas plecch & 24 wylliam hoyen in the grete strete a-fore the church of seynte Nicholas, to be holde & to be for ryȝht heritage, welle & in peece, frely & quietly, payyng þ*er*of ȝerly to her*e* & to her*e*

quit-rent, 5*s.* on Jan. 13,

successour*es* v *shillings* of syluer for all seruice & custome 28 longyng to them, þ*at* is to say, at þe feste of seynte hillary. These beyng wytnys & is w*ith*-owte date.

[4. Lands acquired from Walter, the writer.]

[169.] *A Charter of Richard Ticedwell made vnto Walter Scriptor, writer of the abbey of Gloucester, of vj. acris lond and iij acris mede.

* leaf XLIIII or 54. About 1200.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat Richard Ticedwell gaf, graunti[d], & confirmid with his writinge, to walter scriptor oþerwise writer of þe abbei of Gloucetur, vj. acris of arable
4 londe & iij. acris of mede, of his londe þe whiche he hilde of þe abbot & couent of Gloucetur: þat is to sei, iiij. acris of arable londe towarde þe kinges hall, þe whiche turnin[1] to þe kinges hi wei, þe whech Gladewine fuller hilde of him;
8 & ij. acris at longeforde, tho tweine, þat is to sei, þat lien bitwene þe londe þat walter Grute hilde of him & þe londe of Raph auenel; & ij. acris of mede in waltham, tho tweine, þat is to sei, þat lien bitwene þe kinges mede & þe abbottes
12 mede of Gloucetur, & j acre of mede in londemede: to be holde & to be had all þo acris a-fore namid, of him & of his heiris, to him & to his heiris for euer, for xij d yerli to be paide to him & to his heiris in too termis, half at estur &
16 half at mihelmas: & Richard & his heiris warantiȝid to þe fore-seide walter & to his heiris & to whom-so-euir he wolle aftur him of þe fore-seide acris ageiniste all men, bi þe fore-seide seruice I-do, acquitid of all seruices & seculer demaundis.
20 For this gifte & graunte, þe fore-namid walter gaf to him a-fore-handis x. marke of siluer to acquite him of þe Iuis of Gloucetur. And for as muche þat he wolde þat hit sholde be sure, he confirmide hit with þe impression of his seele: and
24 is with-oute date.

Sale to Walter, the writer, by Richard Ticedwell, of 4 acres of land,

[The King's Hall.]

and 2 acres of land,

and 2 acres of meadow,

and 1 acre of meadow,

quit-rent, 1s.

Purchase-money, £6 13s. 4d. [Debt to the Jews of Gloucester.]

[170.] * A charter of Walter Scriptor Writer of vj. acris of arable lond & iij. acris of mede.

* leaf XLV or 55. About 1210.

THE sentence of this writyng is, þat water scriptor or wryter ȝaf graun[tyd] & confermyd by his charter &c., as a-bove, syxe acris of Arable londe & thre acris of mede, the which he helde
28 by heritage of Richarde of tycedewelle, þat is to say, fowre

Grant to Godstow, by Walter, the writer, of no. 169.

[1] Form for plural: cp. 142/1, 143/22.

acris of arable londe the which turnyn vppon the kyngys hye wey to þe kynges halle of glowcetur, & twey acris of arable londe: & so forth, as his conteynyd be-fore I-wryte.

* leaf XLIIII or 54, back. About 1210. Confirmation to Godstow, by Richard Ticedwell, as feudal superior, of the gift as in no. 170,

[171.] A Charter of Richard Ticede Welle of vj acris lond and iij acris of mede.

THE sentence of thys charter is þat Richarde Ticedewelle grauntyd, & by thys present charter confermyd, to god & to the churche of owre lady seynte marye & of seynte Iohn baptiste of Godestow & to þe mynchons þere seruyng god, for the helth of his sowle & of alle his aunceturs, syxe acres of arable londe & thre acris of mede: þat is for to say, fowre acris of arable londe by the kynges hye wey towarde the kynges halle of gloucetur; & twey acris of arable londe at longeforde, the which lyen by-twen the londe of raph Auenel & the londe þat water grute helde; & twey acres of mede in Walham; & oon acre in Londemede, the which acris all water scriptor alias wryter helde as eyere of me. All these acres he grauntid & confermyd, to be holde & held of hym & of his eyeris, frely & quietly for euer, in-to pure & perpetuel almys, for xij. d ȝerly to be payid to hym & to his eyeris for all seruices & seculer demaundis, in two termys, halfe at þe annunciaciun of owre lady & halfe at myȝhelmasse. And Richarde & his eyeres warantiȝed to þe sayde howse of Godestow all þe foresayde agaynste all men. And to make hit sure, he confermyd thys wrytyng by þe settyng to of his seele.

quit-rent, 1s.

* leaf XLIIII or 54. About 1210. Confused duplicate of no. 171, the writer beginning by making the confirmation to Godstow, * leaf XLIIII or 54, back.

[172.] *A Charter of Richard Ticedewell made to the mynchons of Godestow of vj acres lond & iij of mede.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat Richard Ticedewelle grauntid, & confirmid bi his writinge, to god & to þe churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn Baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons þer seruinge god, for þe helþe of his soule & of all his aunceturs, vj acris of arable londe & iij. of mede: þat is to sei, iiij acris of arable londe bi þe kinges hi wei towarde þe kinges hall of Gloucetur, & ij acris of *the whiche gladewyne fuller helde of hym; & twey acris at lonke-

forde, þo, þat is for to say, þat lyen by-twene þe londe þat wat*er* grute helde of hym & þe londe of raph auenel; & twey acris of mede in Walh*am*, tho, þat is for to say, the which 4 lyen by-twen þe kyng*es* mede & þabbot of glowcet*ur*s mede; & oon acre of mede in londemede: to be holde & to be had of hym & of his eyeris for eu*er*, for xij d' ȝerly to be payid to hym & to his eyer*es* in too t*er*mis, halfe at estur & halfe 8 at myhelmasse. And the sayde richarde & his eyeris warantiȝed to þe foresayde wat*er* & to alle his eyeris, agaynste all men; & aquited hym of all seruic*es* & wordely demaundis. For þys ȝyfte & graunte, þe fore-namyd wat*er* ȝaf to hym be-fore 12 handys x. marke of sylu*er* to quite hym of the Iuys of glouceta*ur*. The whych for-asmuch þ*at* he wolde haue hit sur*e*, he *con*fermyd h*it* by settyng of his seele. Wytnyssys mony beyng p*r*esent.

and then wandering off to Walter, the writer.

[173.] A chart*er* of William Cherchedeñ and Edith his wyf [of] vj acris lond' & iij of mede.

About 1210.

The sentence of this chart*er* is þ*at* wylliam cherchesdoñ, 16 w*ith* thassent & wylle of edithe his wyfe & of his dowght*er* & of Richarde ticedewelle his eyer*e*, *confer*myd to god & to þe churche of owre lady seynte marye & of seynt Iohn baptiste & to þe mynchons of Godestow þer*e* seruyng god, for the helth 20 of his sowle & of all his auncet*ur*s, vj. acris of arable londe & thre acris of mede: of the whiche fowr*e* acris of londe arable lyen at þe kyng*es* halle of glowcet*ur* & t*ur*nen vppon the kyng*es* hye wey, and twey acris at longeforde by twene 24 the londe þ*at* whas of raph Auenel * & þe londe þ*at* wat*er* grute helde, And tweyne Acris of mede lyen in Waleh*am*, & j acre of mede lyeth in landemede: the which all acris wat*er* sc*ri*ptor or wryt*er* by heritage helde of richarde tyce- 28 dewell, fad*ur* of the fore*s*ayde edithe his wyfe, & ȝaf hit to þe fore*s*ayde mynchons in-to p*er*petuel almys. And þe same richarde *confer*myd h*it* to þe same mynchons by his chart*er*, to be had & to be holde, alle þe foresayde acr*es*, of hym & 32 of his eyeris, in-to pure & p*er*petuel almys, ȝeldyng to hym & to his eyeris ȝerly xij d' in two t*er*mys of the ȝere, halfe at þe annu*n*ciaciu*n* of owr*e* lady & þe oþ*er* halfe at myȝhelmasse, for all s*er*uic*es* sewt*es* exaccions & seculer demaundis. And

Confirmation to Godstow, by Richard Ticedewell's heirs, of his confirmation, as in no. 171,

*leaf XLV or 55.

subject to the quit-rent of 1s.,

wylliam & his eyeris warantiȝed to þe foresayde mynchons Aꝑ þe foresayde acris agaynste aꝑ men & women for euer: & Aquited of alle seruices & exaccions þat were in that tyme or myght chaunse afterwarde. And for this confirmacion the foresayde mynchons of Godestow ȝaf to hym oon marke þat is to say xiij *shillings* iiij d̃ to his grete nede & tweyn cronockes[1] of corne, oon þat is to say of wete & anoþer of rye. In-to wytnys of this thyng, he toke þys present wrytyng to hem I-seelyd with his seele. Mony wytnys beyng present.

on payment of a marc, of a measure of wheat, and of a measure of rye.

About 1220.

[174.] A charter of amphelice abbesse of Godestow of vj acris and iij acris.

Perpetual lease by Godstow, to St. Oswald's priory, of the lands described in the preceding deeds, on condition of paying quit-rent to Godstow, 10*s.* on Jan. 13, and quit-rent of 1*s.* to the feudal superior,

THE sentence of this charter is, that amphelice, by the grace of god Abbesse of godestow, & þe covent of the same, with consent & assent of alle the chapitre, for vs & alle owre successoures grauntyd to þe prior of seynte oswalde of glowcetur, & to þe covente of the same place, & to alle þere successouris, syxe acres of arable londe &c. as in the charters Afore, to be holde & to be had, of here & of here successoures, to hym & to his successouris, frely & quietly for euer, ȝeldyng to here & to here successouris ȝerly x *shillings*[2] at the feste of seynt hillary, And to wylliam of chirchesdoun & to edithe his wyfe & to here eyeris xij. d̃ of sterlynges at two termys of the ȝere, þat is to say, at þe Annunciacium of owre lady vj. d̃ & at myȝhelmasse vj d̃, for aꝑ seruices & demaundis as they were wonyd & oftyd to pay. Furþermore þe fore-sayde prior & chanouns & þere successouris scholde ȝef to þe forsayde abbesse & mynchons iij. *shillings* of sterlynges for a peyne, with-owte Agayne-saying, if they cese in oony ty*me of the paying of here rente. In-to wytnys of the which thyng, they maade bytwene them A wrytyng in the maner of A charter, Of whiche the sayde mynchons token to þe fore-sayde chanouns oon perte I-selyd with þe sele of there church̃, & they aȝenwarde toke to þe fore namyd mynchons þe same charter I-selyd with þere sele. These beynge wytnys &c.

and a fine of 3*s.* if the payment be in arrears. *leaf XLV or 55, back.

[1] In the Latin 'duos cronocos bladi.' See *crannock* in New Engl. Dict.

[2] This quit-rent of 10*s.* was still paid at the dissolution in 1540 (*Monast.* iv. 375).

[5. Land given by Richard of the cellar.]

[175.] *Emma abbesse of Godestow graunted to Iohn Blunt & *cetera*.

* leaf XLVI or 56, back. About 1260. Grant by Godstow, to John Blunt, of land and houses

THE sentence of this charter is, þat dame Emme bluet, by the grace of god Abbesse of Godestow, And þe couent of þe same place, with oon assent & consent, ȝaf grauntid & conferm̃yd
4 by wrytyng to Iohn blunt, burgeys of Glowcetur, A grounde in glowcetur with howsys byldynges & with alle pertinences, þat is to say, þat londe þat Richard of þe celer[1] of glowcetur ȝaf them in-to pure & perpetuel almys, & þat londe lyeth in
8 Ebrugestre[te] of glowcetur, bytwene þe londe of the fore-sayde Iohn blunt & þe londe summetyme of Iohn ferur, to be had & to be holde with alle his pertinences, to þe sayde Iohn blunte & to his eyeris or his assynys, frely quietly vtterly
12 & hole for euer, paying þere-of ȝerly viij *shillings* of sterlynges[2], þat is to say, at myȝhelmasse iiij. *shillings* & at þe feste of owre lady in marche iiij. *shillings*, for alle seruice, exaccion & demaunde þat myȝht chaunse to them & to þe successoures
16 for þe sayde londe. Also þe same Iohn & his eyeres or his *Assynys scholde do to þe chef lordes of þat fee alle seruice þat longyd to them of þat londe. And þe foresayde mynchons of Godestow & þere successoures warantiȝed & defendid to
20 þe sayde Iohn blunte and to his eyeres or to his assynys alle þe foresayde londe with his pertinences for euer. And if þe foresayde rente be not payid in the termys Aforesayde, hit scholde be lawfulle to þe fore-sayde mynchons & to þere suc-
24 cessouris, with-owte oony Agayne-saying of þe sayde Iohn blunte & of his eyeris or assynys, by there baillifs, what-so-euer þey be, to distreyne & nyme vppon alle þe tenement of the foresayde Iohn blunte in the towne of Glowcetur tylle þe foresayde rente
28 be fully I-payid. And þat þys writyng scholde be sure & stable for euer, both partyes maade hit stronge by puttyng to þere seelys, euerych to oþer. þese beyng wytnys &c. And is wit-owte date.

in Ebruge street, on payment of quit-rent, 8*s*., and performance * leaf XLVII or 57. of the feudal services due by the holding. Power of distraint.

[176.] Mabil abbesse of Godestow viij. *shillings* of rent.

About 1289. Grant by Godstow, to

THE sentence of this charter is, þat dame mabile Wafre, by
32 the grace of god Abbesse of Godestow, & þe covent of the same

[1] This benefactor has not been mentioned elsewhere.
[2] MS. 'of sterly of sterlynges.'

Richard of the garden,

of the quit-rent in no. 175,

place, by the communе assente & consente, ȝaf, grauntid, & by there wrytyng confermyd, to Richarde, burgeys of Glowcetur, viij *shillings* of ȝerly rente in Ebruggestrete, þe which Iohn blunte burgeis of Glowcet*ur* whas i*n* certeyn termys to paye to them, to be had & to be holde to þe sayde Ric*hard* of Gardeyne & to his eyeris or assynys, frely &c. for eu*er*, paying there of ȝerly vj *shillings* of ster*l*ynge*s*, þat is to say, at myȝhelmasse iij *shillings* And at þe feste of owre lady i*n* marche iij *shillings*, for alł seruice, exaccion & seculer demaunde. And þe sayde mynchons of Godestow & þere successoure*s* warantiȝed & defendid for eu*er* to þe foresayde Richarde of Gardeyne, to his eyeris or assynys, the foresayde viij. *shillings* of ȝerly rente Agaynste Alł me*n* levyng. And if þe fore-sayde rente in the foresayde t*er*mys were not payid, hit scholde be lefułł to them & to þere successoure*s*, w*ith*-owte oony agayne-saying or lettyng of the sayde Ric*hard* of Gardeyne, his eyeris, or of his assynys, by there baillifs, what-so-eu*er* þey be, to distreyne & to nyme vppon alle þe tenemen*t* of þe foresayde Ric*hard* of gardyne of Glowcet*ur*, tyl þe foresayde rente be fully payid. And þat þys present writyng scholde be sure for eu*er*, the bothe p*ar*tyes a-seelyd eu*er*ych to o*þer* in þe man*er* of A chart*er*, these beyng wytnys: & is w*ith* owte date.

for 6*s*. yearly.

Power of distraint.

[6. Houses and quit-rents bought with dame Rose la moyne's money.]

* leaf XLV or 55, back. 1289, Aug. 16. Sale to Godstow, by John of Pershore,

[177.] *A evidence of Iohn of p*er*shore alł londis & t*enem*entis in Gloucestre.

THE sentence of this euidence is, þat Iohn of p*er*shore, burgeis of glowcet*ur*, ȝaf, grauntid, & *con*fermyd by his chart*er*, in-to pure & p*er*petuel almys, to þe religious women ladyis abbesse & mynchons to god &c., alle londes & alle tenemen*tes* & alle ȝerly rente*s* þat he hadde or myght haue in þe grete place towarde þe sowthȝate of glowcet*ur*, the wyche londes & tene-men*tes* lyen & been by-twen þe londe þat whas su*m*tyme of wat*er* Cramich & þe smythys strete thorowgh þe which me[*n* go] to þe castełł fro þe grete place; Also A voyde grounde, the which strecchyth hit selfe towarde the sayde smythys strete:

of property near the South Gate,

and Smith street,

to be holde & to be had, w*ith* all̃ þere p*er*tinenc*es*, of hym & of his eyeris or his assynys, to þe fo*re*-sayde religiouse wom*en* & to þ*ere* successour*es*, frely, quietly, purely & vtterly, welle
4 hole & pesybly for eu*er*, paying there-of ȝerly to hym & to his eyeris or to his assynys oon rose At þe feste of seynte Iohn baptiste at Glowcetur in the sayde tenem*entes* or in oon of the sayde tenem*entes* whenne þey been *con*ueniently requisityd or
8 Axid, & to þabbot of seynt petur of Glowcet*ur* ij. s*hillings*, & to þe churche of seynte oolde[1] in the same town*e* ij. s*hillings*, for all̃ seruic*es*, customs, seculer sewt*es*, exaccions & demaundis. And þe fo*re*-sayde Iohn p*er*schor*e* his eyeris or his assynys
12 scholde warantiȝe to þe fo*re*-myndyd religiouse wom*en*, & to þ*ere* successour*es*, þe[2] fo*re*-sayde londes, tenem*entes*, ȝerly rent*es*, & grow[*n*]de, w*ith* alle þ*ere* p*er*tinenc*es*, Agaynste all̃ dedly m*en* & wom*en*, and Aquite of þe Arrerag*es* of þe sayde tene-
16 m*entes* if þ*er* were oony, & defende * for eu*er*, for þe foresayde seruice. Fur þ*er*more for þe ȝyfte, graunte, & *con*fir*m*acion of his chart*er*, þe sayde abbesse and mynchons ȝaf to hym by-fo*re* handis fowr*e* & twenty marke of sylu*er*, I-ȝefe & assynyd[3] to þe
20 sayde religiouse women of a nowble-woman, dame royse la moyne I-callyd, to þe mor*e* plentyfull̃ susteynyng of the sayde monast*er*y in tyme comyng. And þ*at* his ȝyfte, graunte, & *con*fermyng of his chart*er*, myȝht haue strength for eu*er*, he
24 maade sur*e* this wrytyng by the imp*re*yntyng of his seele. These beyng wytnys &c. Date & doyng, at Glowcet*ur* the nexte tywysday aft*er* þe feste of the Assu*m*pcion of owr*e* lady, The ȝer*e* of þe reyne of kyng Edwarde þe seventenyth.

quit-rents, a rose to the mesne lord,

2*s*. to St. Peter's abbey,

2*s*. to St. Aldate's church.

* leaf XLVI or 56.

Purchase-money, £16, given by dame Royse la moyne.

[Assumption of Mary = Aug. 15.]

[178.] A quyte-clayme of Agnes the wyf of Iohn*e* p*er*shor*e* of j mese, iii. shoppis and v s*hillings* vj d̃.

1301, Sept. 22.

28 THE sentence of this chart*er* is, þat Agnes þe wyfe su*m*tyme of Iohn p*er*schor*e*, burgeys of Glowcet*ur*, beyng in pur*e* wydewhode & in her*e* own̄ lawfull̃ power*e*, grauntyd, remitted, & vtt*er*ly quyte-claymyd, for her*e* & for her*e* eyeris, to þe religiouse
32 wom*en* abbesse & holy mynchons of the monast*er*ye of seynte

Sale to Godstow, by Agnes, widow of John of Pershore,

[1] At the dissolution Godstow was still paying these quit-rents to St. Peter's abbey, and to St. Aldate's church, as also a quit-rent of 2*s*. to the sheriff of Gloucester to obtain exemption from attendance at his court (*Monast*. iv. 375).

[2] MS. þ*er*.

[3] *& assynyd*, in margin.

of her interest in a messuage, 3 shops, and 5*s.* 6*d.* of quit-rent,

and quit-claim of all title in her deceased husband's property, as in no. 177.

Purchase-money, £5.

Iohn baptiste of Godestow, alle here ryȝht & clayme þat sche had or in ony wyse myȝht haue in oon Mese, thre shoppis, fyfe shelyngworth and syx penys of ȝerly rente, w*ith* þe p*er*tinenc*es*, in glowcet*ur*: and also in alle & in eu*er*yche oþ*er* londys & tenemen*tes* þe which þe same Abbesse & holy mynchons had of þe ȝyfte & levyng of þe fore*s*ayde Iohn su*m*tyme here husbonde in the same towne of Glowcet*ur*, as hit is *con*teyned of feoffemen*t* I-maade there*of* to þe same religiouse women, so þat noþ*er* sche, noþ*er* here eyeris, ne none oþ*er* for here or by here, myȝht aft*er*warde axe or clayme ony thyng of ryȝht or clayme in the fore*s*ayde mese, shoppis, and rent*es*, or in oony oþ*er* londys and tenemen*tes* Aforesayde. For þe which grauntyng, relesyng, & quite-claymyng, þe fore*s*ayde Abbesse & holy mynchons ȝaf to here A hundred shelyng*es* of sterlyng*es* be-fore handys. In-to wytnys of the which thyng of quyte-claymyng, sche put to here sele. These beyng wytnys &c. The Date, At Glowcet*ur*, þe two & twentyith day of septembre, The nyne and twenty ȝere of the reyne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kyng harry.

1306, Dec. 4.

[179.] A chart*er* of kyng Edward of I mese iii. shoppis in Gloucestre by lycence.

Licence in mort-main by Edward I,

pardoning a breach of the Statute of Mort-main,

and re-leasing no. 178 to Godstow.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, þat edwarde, by the grace of god kyng of Inglonde &c.: know ye þat, by the fyne þat owre welle-belouyd in̄ cryste abbesse of Godestow maade w*ith* vs, we haue I-p*er*donyd to þe same abbesse & to þe mynchons of the same place þe transgression þat þey dyd in̄ getyng to hem & to here successoure*s* in fee oon mese & thre schoppis w*ith* þ*er* p*er*tinen*ces* in glowcet*ur*, of agnes, su*m*tyme þe wyfe of Iohn p*er*shore of Glowcet*ur*, aft*er* þe publyschyng of vs I-maade of londys and tenemen*tes* not to be put to morte-mayne & of the entryng of them w*ith*-owte owre licence & lefe, the whiche mese & shoppis for be cause of there tr*an*sgression were take in-to owre hande; And whe haue g*ra*untid to þe same abbesse & mynchons, for vs & owre eyeris also muche as is in̄ vs, þat þat mese shoppis & p*er*tinen*ces* þey haue agayne, & holde to them & to þere successoure*s*, of the chef lordis of that fee, by seruic*es* dew & customyd* there-of for eu*er*, w*ith*-owte occasion or lettyng of vs or of owre eyeris, Iustices, escheter*s*, vndursh[r]euys, or

* leaf XLVI or 56, back.

oþer ballyfs or mynysters what-so-euer they be, owre fore-sayde statute notwythstandyng. In-to wytnys of this thyng we maade owre letters patentes to be maade. Myne owne selfe
4 beyng wytnys at lanrecost, the iiij. day of december, the xxxv. ȝere of owre reyne.

[180.] * Margarete abbesse & *cetera* to hugh Coke a corner tenement & *cetera*.

* leaf XLVII or 57.
1386, March 27.
Grant by Godstow, to Hugh Cook, of a portion of no. 177,

The sentence of this endenture is, þat Merget Mounteney, Abbasse of Godestow, & þe covent of þe same place, toke,
8 grauntid, & lete, to hugh Coke of Wircetur, burgeis of Gloucetur, alle þere cornere tenement, by þe smythys strete of Gloucetur of þe oon parte & þe tenement þat William Straddell late helde of them & sytth Gylbert Chauntrell helde of þe oþer parte, to
12 be had & to be holde, to same hugh, eyeris, & his assynys, to þe terme of thre score & ten ȝere fully complete, paying þere-of ȝerly to hem & to here successouris xij. d. of lawfull money at þe feste of owre lady of þe annunciaciun, ȝeldyng also & doyng for
16 them & þere successoures to þe chef lordys * and to all oþer all seruices & bordennys þere-of dew & I-wonyd. And þe fore-sayde hugh his eyeris & assynys scholde make oon competente howse newe þere, with his own costes & expensis, with-in þe
20 ȝere nexte folowyng after þe date now presente. And also after þat hit is so I-bylde, thei scholde susteyne hit with þere own costes duryng þe foresayde terme, & þey scholde also lefe hit in þe ende of þe foresay[de] terme in competente state. Also þat hit
24 scholde not be lawfull to þe foresayde hugh, his eyeris, and assynys, to lete to oony man the foresayde tenantry ne no perte of hit with-owte special licence of þe foresayde abbesse, of here Couente, & successoures. And if hit hap þat þe foresayde rente be
28 by-hynde, in parte or in alle, after oony afore-sayde terme by a moneth, þat þen hit scholde be lawfull to þe fore-sayde abbesse & Couente & to þere successoures to distreyne in þe sayde tenement & reteyne þe sayde distreynynges tyl þat hit be fully
32 satisfied to þem of þe foresayde rente & þe arrerages of hit. And if hit happon þe fore-sayde to be by-hynde, in parte or in alle, after oony A-fore sayde terme by a hole ȝere, or waste be made in the sayde tenement, or þat he bylde not þe howse (as hit

on a building lease for 70 years, quit-rent 1s. yearly.

* leaf XLVII or 57, back.

Under covenant not to sublet without leave.

Powers of distraint,

is set before) with-in þe sayde terme, or lete owte the foresayde tenement or oony parcell of hit agaynste þe forme aforesayde, þat fro þat tyme hit scholde be lawfull to þe fore-sayde Abbesse & Couente & to þere successoures to entre agayne in the sayde tenement with his pertinences And to holde hit to them selfe for euer, this letyng owte or dimission not-wythstandyng. And þe sayde Abbesse &c. warantized þe sayde tenement &c., vndur þe forme aforesayde. In-to wytnys there-of they set to þys wrytyng the commune seele, and he his seele. The date at Godestow, in there chapitre, þe tywysday nexte the feste of þe Annunciaciun of owre lady, the nyneth ȝere of[1] þe reyne of Richarde þe secunde After þe conqueste.

and re-entry.

[Meysey-Hampton.]

[Note.—In the deeds themselves we have simply 'Hampton.' The more precise indication of locality comes in the dissolution survey, 1540, when Godstow is put down (*Monast.* iv. 374) as receiving £1 13*s.* yearly from Cricklade, Chalworth, Ufcot, and Meysey-Hampton. The Meysey-Hampton land was held by a small quit-rent, which would naturally be collected by the nearest Godstow centre; in this case Cricklade in Wiltshire.]

* leaf L or 60. About 1280. Sale to John of the woodhyde, by Robert Senle, * leaf 60, back.

[181.] * A Charter of Robert Senle of Hamptoñ.

The sentence of this chartir is, that Robert Senle of hamptoñ, by the assent and wille of Isabelle his wyf, yaf, graunted, and confermed with his owne charter, to Iohñ the sone of Iohñ of the wodehyde, for vj. * marke of siluer the which he yaf before handes all his lond in Hamptoñ, with a mese and all his pertinentis, to be had and to be hold, of ser Richard, lorde of Hamptoñ, and of his heires or assignes, to the said Iohn, and to his heires, or to his assignes who-so-ever they be, and to everich or whom-so-euer he willed to yeve, selle, bequeth, or lay hit to wedde, all the forsaid lond, with all his pertinentis, or in any other wise assigne hit, also wele in sikenesse as in helth, out-take hit be to Religious men or Iewis, also frely quyetly pesibly and holy as Robert aforsaid held the same lond most best and most frely of the saide Richard Marschall lord of hamptoñ, paiyng therfor yerely to the same Richard and to his heires

for £4, of a messuage and lands,

[exceptis viris religiosis et Iudaeis.]

[1] MS. 'of of.'

v. *shillings* at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmas half and at our lady of the Annu*n*ciaciou*n* the other half, for all seruice, custome, exaccion and demaund, Savyng the kynges
4 *ser*uice and of the chief lord also moche as longeth to suche a fre tenauntry in the same towne of hampton. Also the same Rob*er*t Senle ordeyned and graunted to the same Iohn, to his heires, and to his assignes, all the forsaid lond and all that
8 longeth therto. Also he graunted to the same Iohn resonable necessaries of the frutes of the said lond, also longe as he lived, in metis and drynkes and in howses of the forsaid lond, to-gedir w*ith* hym and Isabelle his wyf also longe as they lived. And for-
12 asmoche as he wold that hit shold be sure and stable for ever, he sette his seale to this writyng. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

subject to 5*s*. quit-rent, and to a share of scutage, and to giving said Robert Senle board and lodging for his life-time.

[182.] * A Carter of Roger Meysy of Hampton.

* leaf XLIX or 59, back. About 1300?

THE sentence of this evidence is, that Roger of Meysy yaf and graunted to the hous of Godestow the rent of a lond that
16 was of Ace, into pure and p*er*petuel almesse, to be hold of hym and of his heires, frely and quyetly for all service (save the kyngis service) for hym and his p*re*decessours, that is to sey, one mese, and one crofte, and vj. acres in the feld of west and
20 vj. acres in the feld of Est, and an acre of mede, the which held the forsaid Ace, and, to the encrese, an acre of lond at Battas yerely to sewe, and a parte of an acre in Flexland, and a pond of a stew to the brede of the forsaid crofte, and iiij. bestes and
24 an hors and xxx. shepe * in[1] co*m*mone pasture w*ith* his men. Also he and his heires graunted and willed that Nicholas, s*er*uant of the recluse of hampton, and his heires, shold have and hold this yifte in the fredom I-graunted to them, for
28 ij. *shillings* yerely to be paid to the forsaid hous in the fest of the birthe of Seynt Iohn Baptist. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Roger of Meysey, of a quit-rent over a messuage and lands with pasture rights, * leaf L or 60. under obligation to grant it out for 2*s*. yearly. [The recluse of Hampton.]

[183.] A covenaunt I-made bitwene the abbesse of Godestow and her mynchons and Raf Bullok of hampton for the hold of vij. acres w*ith* a mese and a tofte and a crofte and an acre of mede in the towne of hampton.

About 1350?

THE sentence of this covenaunt, bitwene the abbesse and mynchons of Godestow and Raaf Bullok, of Hampton, is this:

Grant by Godstow, to Ralph

[1] *Comon of Pastur*, in margin.

Bullock, of no. 182, for his life-term,

that the foresaid' Raf shold' hold' of the hous of Godestow, also longe as he liveth, vij. acres of lond' *with* a mese tofte and crofte and one acre of mede in the towne of hampton̄, that is to sey, the same which somtyme Nicholas, the *ser*uant of the Recluse of Hampton̄, bought of Roger Meysy, paiynge yerely to the hous of Godstow iiij. *shillings* at the natiuite of seynt Iohn̄ Baptist for all seruicis, custumes, and demaundis. And for this accorde the forsaid' Raf yaf to the hous of Godestow xx. *shillings*. And that this covenaunt shold' be sure and stable also longe as the forsaid' Raf lived', bothe *per*ties labored' to make hit sure by the puttyng to of theire seles. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

quit-rent 4*s*. yearly.

Purchase-money, £1.

About 1380?

[184.] A covenaunt I-made bitwene the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestow and William the sone of Raf Bullok of Hampton̄.

Grant by Godstow, to William Bullock, son of Ralph,

THE sentence of this evidence is, that there was a covenant I-made, bitwene the Abbesse and Mynchons of Godestow of the one p*ar*tie and will*iam* the son̄ of Raf Bullok of hampton̄ of the other p*ar*tie, that the forsaide[1] william shold' holde of the house of Godestow, also longe as he lived', vij. acres of lond' *with* a mese tofte and crofte and an acre of mede in the towne of hampton̄, that is to sey, tho the which somtyme Nicholas, the *ser*uant of the Recluse of hampton̄, bought of Roger Meysy, paiyng therfor yerely to the house of Godestow v. *shillings*, that is to sey, at the Natiuite of Seynt Iohn̄ Baptist, makyng sute to the courte of Eton̄ at the wille of the abbesse or of her baillifes, as other tenantes of the same abbesse. And for this covenant the forsaid' william yaf to the hous of Godstow xx. *shillings*. And that this covenaunt, also longe as the forsaide william liveth, be ferme sure and stable, Bothe p*ar*ties labored' to make hit sure by the puttyng to of her seales. These beyng witnes, & *cetera*.

of the property described in no. 182, for life-term,

quit-rent, 5*s*. and suit to Water-eaton court.

Purchase-money, £1.

[PAUNTLEY.]

* leaf XLI or 51, back. About 1185.

[185.] *Chartur of Ric*hard* Clifford' for þe mille of pantisleye.

* leaf

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat Ric*hard* Clifford', *with* þe consent and *assent of his fadur walt*er* Clifford' & of his brother

[1] *Mark thys dede*, in margin.

walt*er* Clifford' þe yungere, grauntid' & gaf, freli & quietli, in-to p*er*petuel almis, to god' & to owre ladi & to þe churche of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to the holi minchons þer' seruinge god', for þe helþe of his sowle & of his broþ*er* Rog*er* & of all' his p*re*decessours, xx. s*hillings* of his mille vndur[1] þe carri of pauntislei, yerli to be paid' bi him bi two t*er*mis, þ*at* is to sei, in þe annun*c*iacion of owre ladi, x. s*hillings* & at mihelmas, x. s*hillings*. Thei made þis gifte to þe churche of Godestowe, & p*re*sentid' vppon þe auter': & is w*ith*-oute date.

XLII or 52. Grant to Godstow, by Richard of Clifford, of a rent-charge on the mill.

[Note.—There is no other notice of this gift. Among the witnesses were Henry de Oli; Godfrey, abbot of Egnesham (Einsham); and Nigel, dean of Oxford, circ. 1185–1200 (Exchequer MS. leaf 44, back).]

[Little Rissington.]

[Note.—Godstow had acquired a hide in Rissington prior to pope Eugenius III's confirmation (no. 901) in 1145. In 1291, at pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, Godstow held 5½ yardlands there, i. e. a hide and 1½ yardlands, valued at £2 a year. At the dissolution, 1540, this estate is put down as yielding (*Monast.* iv. 375) £2 rent paid by the farmer, and £10 quit-rent paid by the duke of Norfolk. The outgoings were 2*s.* for a lb. of pepper and 4*d.* for a lb. of cumin to the duke of Norfolk; 4*d.* to the bailiff of Wallingford honour, and also 13*s.* 4*d.* for the bailiff's fee.]

[* Risindone.

186. Charter of Robert of Teyden.

*** Exchequer MS. leaf 139. About 1180.** Grant to Godstow, by Robert of Teyden, of half a hide, and half a yardland, with rights of pasture.

Robert of Teyden, with consent of his wife Agatha, of his heirs Henry and Warin, and of his son-in-law Robert of Dodewell, for the health of the souls of himself, his wife, his heirs, and his predecessors, gave to Godstow half a hide and half a yardland in Rysenden, but without the attached crofts (instead of which he gave, of his demesne land, double), and also granted that the nuns' beasts (viz. oxen, sheep, and pigs) should go in the pastures and elsewhere with his own without challenge[2].

Anathema on violators.

This gift was presented on the altar so that the Lord's curse might rest on whoever violated it.

Witnesses:—Reginald, chaplain of Abingdon; and Theod Thorn, cleric.]

[1] 'Subtus carriam de Pantesleia.'
[2] 'Sine calumnia': i.e. without being impounded by the bailiff of the manor.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 139. About 1180. Grant to Godstow, by Henry of Teyden, [Nun's dower.] of land, meadow, and rights of pasture;

[187. *Charter of Henry son of Robert of Tayden.

HENRY, son of Robert of Tayden, for the souls of his father and mother and for his own soul and his wife Beatrice's soul and his heirs' souls, gave to Godstow, with his daughter Agatha who became a nun in Godstow, lands in his town of Rysindon of his demesne land, viz. (*a*) in one field, 'en at hulle,' 11 acres, and 'at[1] the ashen causey,' 10 acres; (*b*) in another field, land called Ten-acre, and another land called Three-acre, and land called Pilehulle; and (*c*) a meadow called Wytheryndeham; and (*d*) the meadow of a yardland in common with the mead of the town as the lot will give; (*e*) with all freedoms, so that the oxen, sheep, and pigs of Godstow may feed over all his demesne where his own oxen, sheep, and pigs go, but[2] be excluded from the crops, and from the meadow which shall be in defence from Annunciation of St. Mary (March 25) till the meadows be mowed and the hay carried.

and confirmation of no. 186.

Also he confirms his father's gift of a half-hide and a half-yardland.

* leaf 139, back.

*Witnesses:— . . .[3] de Chistetuna, and Hugh of Chuillervilla, knights.]

*Rawl. MS. leaf 156. About 1220. Grant to Agnes Medecrofte, by Robert Nethercote, of a yardland (held by quit-rent to the chief lord of 1 lb. of pepper, and scutage),

[188.] * A Charter of Robert fitz Robert Nethercote confermyng the same.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert fitz Robert Nethercote, by þe wille and peticion of Sibile his wyf and of her[4] heire, yaf, & *cetera*, to Anneys the doughter of Richard [of] Medecrofte one yerd lond in Rysyndon, that is to sey, half of that hide the which Richard Wythorn held, the which half hide he held[5] of his lord henry of Tyden, by the seruyce of j. li. of peper and the seruyce of the kyng: To be had and to be hold, by right heritage, of hym and of his heires, to her and to her heires or to whom-so-euer or where-so-euer she wold assigne hit, other in Religion or els-where, frely and quyetly fro all seruyce, Ryall and other, and all seculere exaccion perteynyng to hym and to his heires, with all his pertynentis, in medis, fedynges, in londis and in herbis, and in all easementis, excepte

but without the messuage of the

[1] Latin is 'ad fraxinum cawlsi.'
[2] Latin is 'extra segetes et pratum.'
[3] Christian name absent.
[4] Read 'his.'
[5] Read 'holds.'

the mese of the same half hide of lond' that he held' all to hym-self, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. li. of Comyn at Estir. And for this *graunte* yifte and confermyng of this charter, the forsaid' Anneys yaf to hym before handis vj. mark, of siluer, And to Sibile his wyf xij. d'. And he and his heires warantized' all the forsaid' lond' to the forsaid' Anneys and to her heires or to whom-so-euer she wold' assigne hit, other to Religion, other to ellis-where, ayenst all men and women; and aquyted' of all sutes, that is to sey, of shire and hundred' and of ridyng, vttirly, and of all greves. And yf hit happened' that he myght not warantize that yerd' of londe, he and his heires shold' yeve into eschaunge so moch of also good' lond' and I-streight in also good' a place, some-where in his heritage, to the forsaid' Anneys and to her heires, as hit hath be said'. And *þat þis*, & *cetera*.

half hide; quit-rent, to the mesne lord, of 1 lb. of cumin at Easter. Purchase-money, £4 1s.

[189. * Charter of Henry of Teyden.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 139, back. About 1200. Confirmation to Agnes of Medecrofte, *Rawl. MS. leaf 156. by Henry of Teyden, of no. 188.

Henry of Teyden, as chief lord, confirms to Agnes, daughter of Richard of Medcroft, the yardland with its pertinences in Rysyndon Basseth, which Robert the son of Robert of Nethercote, his man, gave to her, as the charter] * of [1] the same Robert the which he made to the same Anneys vpon the same londe witnessith. And he nother his heires shold' never take wedde of the forsaide Anneys or of her assignes, nother sesyn the lond' of the same, for the defaute of the same Robert hir [2] man, or for *withholdyng* of the rente or *seruyce*, all the while that they myght fynde ony thyng vpon the lond' the which she [2] held' of hym. And that this graunte, & *cetera*. And for this confirmacion the forsaid' Anneys yaf j marke of siluer. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, 6s. 8d.

[190.] A Charter of Robert Slouther, I-made to the mynchons of Godestow, for a mese *with* his pertynentis and vj. *shillings* of yerely rente.

About 1210.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Slouther [3] yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera*, and to the mynchons of Godestowe there

Sale to Godstow, by Robert of

[1] The English register resumes after a lost leaf.

[2] Read 'his,' 'he.' The overlord promises not to seek satisfaction from these lands, for feudal claims, as long as the other lands of Robert of Nethercote are able to meet them.

[3] 'Robert de Slouhtre' in the Latin. Upper and Lower Slaughter lie north-west of the Rissingtons. See no. 883.

Slouther, of a messuage and rent-charge on a yardland, with reversion of the yardland (no. 188).

seruyng god and to serue for ever, a mese, with his pertynentis, that Robert Garland held of hym in the town of Rysyndon; and vj. *shillings* of rente yerely, the which he was I-wonyd to take of Robert[1] Marissh at ij. termes, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse iij. *shillings* and at Ester iij *shillings*, for j yerd of lond, with his pertynentis, the which he held of hym to his lyf[2] in the towne of Rysyndon, of the fee of henry [of] Teyden, the which yerde lond longith to the forsaid mese that the forsaid Robert Garlond held of hym, that is to sey, that the forsaid yerd lond, with the pertynentis, after the decesse of the forsaid Robert of Marissh, shold abide for euer holy and fully to the said mynchons of Godestow into ther propir vsis: To be had and to be hold, to the said * mynchons or to ther assignes, of hym and his heires, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly, holy and fully for euer, in wode in pleyne in weyes and pathes and in pasturis and in all placis, with all fredoms and fre customes longyng to the same londe, yeldyng therof yerely j libra of pepir to hym and to his heires at the fest of Seynt Thomas the appostle, for all seruyce, exaccion, sute, custome, and demaunde perteynyng to hym or to his heires, Savyng the kyngis seruyce also moch as longith to so moche[3]. And Robert of Slouthre and his heires warantized and defended the forsaid mese, with the pertynentis, and the said vj. *shillings* of Rente (also longe as Robert of marissh levid), And (after the dethe of the same) the said yerde of lond with his pertynentis, vnto the owne vsis of the said mynchons or to ther assignes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe yaf to hym ix. marke of siluer into waryson[4], And to Sibille his wyf half a marke. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 156, back.

Quit-rent 1 lb. of pepper, and scutage.

Purchase-money, £6 6*s.* 8*d.*

About 1230.

[191.] A Charter of William le Frane of Rysyndon, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for j rode of lond, and pasture and mede liyng therto, in the felde of litell Rysyndon, & *cetera*.

Exchange between Godstow

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Frane of litel Rysyndon yaf, & *cetera*, to the Abbesse and Couent of Gode-

[1] 'Robert of the marsh,' in the Latin.
[2] i.e. in life-rent.
[3] i.e. as much money as falls to be paid by so much land.
[4] in gersumma.

stowe and to ther successours, j rode of lond, *with* pasture and mede liyng to, in the feld of litell Rysyndon, in a place that is I-called Walterislake: To be hold and to be had, to the for- 4 said Abbesse and Couent and to ther successours, frely, quyetly and pesiblely, holy and worshipfully, into an eschaunge for j half acre of lond in the feld of Rysyndon, as the char*ter* wit- nessith the whiche þe said abbesse and couent made to hym. 8 And William Frane aforsaid and his heires warantized and defended the forsaid Rode of lond, *with* mede and pasture liyng to, to the forsaid Abbesse and Couente and to there successours for ever, ayenst all men. And for this eschaunge, 12 & *cetera.*

and William le Frane, of land.

[192.] A Couenaunte I-made bitwene the Abbesse of Godestowe And Symond Nethercote for a service, & *cetera.*

About 1300?

Agreement between Godstow and Sir Simon of Nethercote, that Godstow shall drop suit begun against Sir Simon, provided he, as mesne lord, relieve Godstow of certain feudal duties.

THE sentence of this covenaunte, I-made bitwene the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe of the one p*ar*tie, and s*er* Symond of Nethercote of the o*þer* p*ar*tie, was, that the said Abbesse 16 shold w*ith*draw her speche[1] the which she hadde ayenst the said Symond afore the kyngis Iustice at Westmynst*er*, So that the forsaid Symond shold be w*ith*-out harmes. And for this w*ith*drawyng, þe said Symond and his heires shold acquyte for 20 eu*er* the forsaid Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, of a s*er*uyce that Rob*er*t Brus[2] and Pet*er* asrugge asked of the same[3] in the towne of Rysyndon, And he shold be a mene[4] bitwene hem for this aquytyng, aft*er* that the chart*er* of ther auncetours wit- 24 nessen. And yf hit so happened that the forsaid Symond or his heires myght breke[5] the forsaid s*er*uyce, the Abbesse and Couent shold paye half of the costis of them. Into witnesse, & *cetera.*

[1] Latin 'loquela,' i.e. law-plea.
[2] 'le Brus' and 'de Asrugge.'
[3] i.e. of Godstow.
[4] Latin is 'sicut medii.'
[5] i.e. if Sir Simon is able to get it annulled by a suit at law, Godstow will pay half-costs of the suit.

[Tormarton.]

[Note.—This rent-charge presents some difficulty. It is mentioned in Henry II's third charter (no. 886), 1182, and in pope Celestine III's charter (no. 902), 1192: but it does not occur in pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291, and therefore seems lost or alienated before that date.]

* leaf XV or 27. About 1180. Grant to Godstow, by Nicholas Muton, [Nun's dower.]

[193.] * Chartur of Nicholas mutoñ[1] of ij. soudees[2] of rent.

of a rent-charge.

The sentence of thys chartur is that Nicholas mutoñ & Marye hys wyfe, w*ith* c*on*sent of hys heyrys, gafe & grauntyde in-to p*er*petuall almys, to god & to ouꝛ lady & to sey*n*t Iohn baptiste & to þe churche of Godestowe & to the mynchons þ*ere* seruynge god, ij. shelynge worthe of rent in thormerton w*ith* heꝛ dowht*er* aliȝ, yerly to be payde att whytsontyde, of a yerde londe þe whyche Rob*er*t cheppe helde: these beynge wytnes & c*etera*; and is w*ith*-out date.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 185. Confirmation to Godstow, by Philip of Muton, as overlord, of no. 193.

[194. * Charter of Philip of Muton.

Philip of Muton, and his wife Ysoulde, for the health of their souls gave to Godstow 2*s*. sterling yearly rent, which they were wont to receive from Sir Nicholas of Muton, so that Godstow might have it from Hugh pincerna, a free tenant, half-yearly at Whitsuntide and Easter[3].]

*Rawl. MS. leaf XV or 27. 1255, June. Decision in favour of Godstow, against Hugh Boteler,

[195.] * A finall concorde I-made of the rent of thormerton.

Thys was þe finall concorde I-made in þe kyng*es* cowrt at Glowcetur fro t*ri*nite soneday in-to thre wok*es*, þe yeꝛ of the reyne of kynge henry, þe sone of kynge Iohñ, xxxix, a-fore Iohn abbot of peturborowe, Mastur Symond wauton, Rob*er*t of shotyndon, Nicholas hanlo, and Iohn Caue, Iustic*es* iurnayinge, & oþ*er* trewe men of þe kyng*es* þ*ere* beyng p*resent*, by-twene Emme, abbas of Godestowe, playnynge, by william of vpton I-put in heꝛ stede to gete or to lese, & hugh butuler of thor-

[1] 'de Muthona' in the Latin.

[2] The Latin is 'duas solidatas'; from which *soudée* would be a French derivative, cp. *sou*.

[3] No doubt in error for Martinmas.

merton, defender, of xxx. *shillings* þe whych were by-hynde to
þe same abbas of a yerly rent of ij. *shillings* þe whyche he owyd
to hyr, and wher-of hyt was I-pleid by-twene hem *in* the same
4 court, þ*at* is to say, þ*at* þe same hugh butuler made a
recogniscion & grauntyd, for hym-selfe & for hys heyrys, that
they forth-forewarde sholde pay eu*er*y yere to the seyde abbas,
& to oþ*er* abbasses succedynge hyr, & her churche of Godestowe,
8 ij. *shillings* at two *ter*mys, that is to sey, half at Martyn-masse
& þ*at* oþ*er* halfe at wytsonetyde: & furþ*er*-more the same hugh
gafe to þe fore-seyde abbas xxx. *shillings* for hys arreragys: &
for thys recognicion, graunt, gyfte, fyne, & a-corde, þe fore-seyde
12 abbas relesyd & claymyd-quite to þe fore-seyde hugh all þe
harmys of her*e*-selfe & of her churche, þe whyche harmys she
seyde þ[*at*] she had by þe occasion of þe w*ith*holdynge of the
fore-seyde rent vn-to the day of þe a-corde I-made; and yf hyt
16 happyn þ*at* þe fore-seyde hugh or hys heyrys fayle in þe paynge
of the fore-seyd rent at ony *ter*me, hyt sholde be well lefull to
þe same abbas & abbasses oþ*er* succedynge to her, & to her
churche a-foreseyde, to dystreyne hem by the catall in þe tene-
20 ment þ*at* þe same hugh helde of þe heyrys of phylyp of muton
in thormerton þe day þ*at* þe a-corde was I-made & I-founde, to
full payment of þe seyde re*nt* foreu*er*.

for payment of the rent-charge of 2*s*.

and arrears;

Godstow not pressing for damages,

but reserving powers of distraint.

[196.] *A fynall accorde I-made bitwene Emme, abbesse of Godestowe, and hugh Boteler of Thormerton, & *cetera*.

* leaf 151, back.

1255, June.

THE sentence of this writyng is, that ther was a fynall
24 accorde I-made, in the kyngis courte at Gloucest*er*, fro the day
of the holy Trynyte into thre wokis, xxxix ti. yere of the reigne
of kyng henry the son*e* of kynge Iohn, afore Iohn, abbot of
Petir-borough; maist*er* Symond Wauton; Rob*er*t Shotyndon;
28 Nicholas hanle; and Iohn kaue, Iusticis Iurneyng, and oþ*er*
trew men of the kyng ther beyng p*re*sent, bitwene Emme,
abbesse of Godestowe, playner, by walkelyn of vpton I-sette in
her stede to wyn or to lese, And hugh Boteler of Thormerton,
32 deforcer*e*, of xxx. *shillings*, the which were behynde to the same
Abbesse of yerely rente of ij. *shillings* that he owed to her, And
wherof hit was I-pleted bitwene them in the same courte: þ*at*

Duplicate of preceding, in slightly different wording.

is to sey, that the forsaid hugh knowleched and graunted for hym and his heires that they afterward shold yelde euery yere, to the said abbesse and to other abbessis that shold succede to her and to her chirch of Godestowe, ij. *shillings* at ij. *termes*, that is to sey, at Martynmasse and the other half at Whitsontyde. And furthermore the same hugh yaf to the forsaid abbesse xxx. *shillings* for his arreragis. * And for this knowlechyng, graunte, yifte, fyne, and accorde, the Abbesse aforseid remitted and quyte-claymed of her and her chirch aforsaid to the forseid hugh all harmes that she had by the occasion of the *with*holdyng of the forsaid rente vnto the day that þat accorde was I-made. And yf hit happened that the forsaid hugh or his heires failed in the payment of the forsaid rente at ony *term*e, hit shold be wele lawfull to the same Abbesse, and to other abbesses that shold succede to her, and to her chirch aforsaid, to distreyne them by ther catall (in the tenement that the same hugh held of the heires of Philip Mutton, in Thorm*ert*on, the day that the accorde was I-made) I-founde, vnto the full payment of the forsaid rente for ever.

* leaf 152.

[Wiche.]

[197. * Of the salt-pit in Wiche which is called Cow.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 184, back. About 1170. Grant to Margaret of Clifford, by Osbert son of Hugh, of a salt-pit.

Osbert son of Hugh gave to Margaret of Clifford, wife of Sir Walter of Clifford, a salt-pit in Wiche which is called Cow[1] belonging to his manor of Wichebold. She gave for this a silver cup to said Osbert, and another cup to Hugh his son and heir.

With the consent of the king and of Osbert, Margaret gave this to Godstow.

Witnesses:—Walter Clifford and his son Richard and daughter Lucy, William of Eaton, William of Sireburn.]

[198. * Charter of Hugh of Sey.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 152, back. About 1170. Confirmation to Margaret

I confirm to Margaret, wife of Walter of Clifford, the 'salina' in Wiche which is called 'vacca,' which she had of the gift of my lord Osbert son of Hugh.

[1] i. e. Cow-wich, as Droitwich, Nantwich.

Witnesses: Walter of Clifford and his son Walter; Ralph of Chenier; my wife Lucy; Helyas, steward of Walter of Clifford.]

of Clifford, by Hugh of Sey, of a salt-pit, as in no. 197.

[199. * Charter of Walter of Clifford, senior.

*** Exchequer MS. leaf 152, back. About 1180.** Grant to Godstow, by Walter of Clifford, of no. 197.

4 I GIVE to Godstow my 'salina' in Wiche, which Hethewolf held and after him John.

Witnesses:—Walter, my son; Osbert, son of Hugh; Hugh of Sai; William of Clifford.]

[200. * Charter[1] of Osbert, son of Hugh, of a 'salina' in Wiche.

*** Exchequer MS. leaf 152. About 1180.** Confirmation to Godstow, by Osbert, son of Hugh, as overlord, of no. 197, and no. 199.

8 I GIVE to Godstow my 'salina' in Wichia which is called 'vacca,' which belongs to my manor of Wichebolt, on the petition of Sir Walter of Clifford and for the welfare of the souls of his wife Margaret and his daughter Rosemunde whose bodies 12 are there buried, and with the assent of king Henry.

Witnesses:—Walter of Clifford, with his son Richard and daughter Lucy; William of Heton; William of Sireburn, with his sons Walter and Elias.]

[201. * Charter of Walter de Clifford, junior.

*** Exchequer MS. leaf 152, back. About 1180.** Confirmation to Godstow, by Walter of Clifford junior, of no. 199.

16 I CONFIRM to Godstow the 'salina' in Wiche which is called 'vacca,' given them by Osbert, son of Hugh.

Witnesses:—Walter of Clifford senior; Hugh of Sey; Lucy of Sey; Ralph of Chenier.]

[1] Printed in *Monast.* iv. 366.

HAMPSHIRE

[EMPSHOTT.]

[NOTE.—At the dissolution, 1540, the property in this parish was paying Godstow quit-rents amounting to only 3*s.* a year (*Monast.* iv. 375).]

[* DE IMBESET.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 64, back. About 1170. [Nuns' dower.] Grant to Godstow, by William of Venuz, of land.

202. Charter of William de Venuz[1] and his wife Alis.

SAID William and Alice gave to Godstow, with two daughters to be made nuns, all the land they had in Himbeset, free of all service save that of the king.

Witnesses:—Reginald, priest; Walter of Venuz and Peter his son.] 4

* leaf LII or 61. About 1170.

[203.] * A Charter of William of Venuz of iiij. mark that he borowed of the chirch of Godestow to agayn-by his lond of hymbeset that he yaf to the said chirch the which iiij. mark, he shold paye ayene with*yn* x. yere.

Acknowledgement to Godstow, by William of Venuz, of a loan of £2 13*s.* 4*d.*

THE sentence of this charter is, that william of venuz borowed iiij. mark, of siluer of the chirche of Godestow, by the handes of Osecunde[2], abbesse, to bye his lond of Hymbeset the which he yaf to the forsaid chirch. And the forsaid william borowed the forsaid iiij. mark, the same yere that the strif was bitwene kyng henry the second and the Cardenales that were I-sent fro Rome to reconsile Thomas the Archebisshop*e* w*ith* the forsaide kyng. And the forsaid william shold pay the forsaid iiij. mark, w*ith*yn x. yere after the forsaid t*er*me, or his heires yf he died. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera.* 8 12

[Thomas Becket.]

[1] Letters indistinct: 'Venuz' or 'Vennz.'

[2] Possibly 'E. secunde.' The Latin has in one line 'manu E' and the next line begins 'secunde abbatisse.' In any case this is an abbess new to the list of Abbesses.

[204.] A confirmacion of a mark of Rent by Iohn of Venuz. About 1240.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Iohn of Venuz for the helth of his sowle and of his auncetours and successours, graunted, and confermed with his writyng, to god and to oure 4 lady seynt mary and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the Abbesse and covent there servyng god, a marke of rent, the which william his grauntsire alias Belesire yaf to hem: to be hold and I-had, to the same Abbesse and to the forsaid covent, 8 of hym and of his heires, into pure and perpetuel almesse, takyng therof yerely of Gilbert of dene and of his heires at the Natiuite of Seynt Iohn Baptist viij. *shillings* iiij. d. for the tenauntry that the forsaid Gilbert of dene held of hym in the 12 towne of hymbeset, and takyng of hym-self and of his heires yerely at Mighelmasse v. *shillings* in the towne of werdleham. And hit is to be knowe that he and his heires shold warantiz to the forsaid Abbesse and covent the forsaide marke of rent 16 agaynst all men. And that his confirmacion shold be stable and sure, he sette his seale to this present writyng. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, by John of Venuz, of rent-charges given by his grandfather William,

viz. 8*s*. 4*d*. in Empshott

and 5*s*. in Worldham.

[205.] A charter of Richard of Dene of Hymbeset of a relese that he made to Emme Abbesse of Godestow and to the covent of the same of the lond of the Breche in the towne of Hymbeset. About 1253.

THE sentence of this evidence is this, that Richard of dene 20 relesed and quyte-claymed, of hym and of his heires, to Emme, Abbesse of Godestow, and to the Covent of the same and to their successours, all his right and clayme that he had or myght have in[1] the vowry of the warantizyng the which he 24 vowed to the forsaid Abbesse of the lond of the breche in the town of hymbeset, the whiche warantized Thomas of dene the whiche[2] held no lond of hym and therof was he[3] impleyde; and of his lond of Hogton he warantized to the same Thomas;

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Richard of Dean,

of a warranty over lands in Empshott, and substitution of warranty elsewhere,

[1] In the Latin: 'in dotacione warancie quam waranciam vocavi versus praedictam abbatissam.'

[2] 'The whiche' = who.

[3] i.e. Thomas, 'et inde implacitatus fuit.'

Godstow paying £5 6s. 8d.

and for this relesse and quyte clayme the forsaid abbesse yaf to hym viij. mark, of siluer. Into the witnesse of that he put to this writyng his seale. These beyng witnesse [1], & *cetera*.

* leaf LII or 61, back. 1253, July.

[206.] * A Charter of the fynall accorde bitwene Richard of Dene and Emme abbesse of Godestowe for the lond of the Breche.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Richard of Dean,

THE sentence of this fynall [accord] is this, that there was I-made acorde in the kynges Court at Westmynster, fro the day of Seynt Iohn Baptist into xv. dayes, in the yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the sone of kyng Iohn xxxvij, afore Roger of Turkelby, Alayn of Watsand, Gyles of Erdyngton, and william Trussell, Iustices, and other trew liege men of the kyngis there beyng present, bitwene Richard of dene and dame Emme, Abbesse of Godestowe, for the lond of the breche, the whiche Richard of dene vowed to warantizyng and the which warantized to her of two parties of half a yerde lond with the pertynentis in Hymbeset, wherof 'assise of his auncetours' was I-meved bitwene them in the same Courte: that is to sey, that the forsaid Richard knowlched the forsaide lond with his pertynentis to be the right of the same Abbesse and of her chirche of Godestowe. And for this recognicion, fyne and accorde, the same Abbesse, at the axyng of the forsaid Richard, yaf and graunted to Osberte of brech and to Emme [2] his wyf the forsaid lond with his pertynentis, to be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Osberte and Eue and to the heires of the same Eue, of the forsaid Abbesse and other that succede her for ever, paiyng therof by yere vij. *shillings* at the natiuite of Seynt Iohn Baptist, and do all the services therof the which longen to the forsaid lond. And the forsaid Abbesse and other Abbesses that shold succede her or tho that shold succede the forsaid Osbert and Eue and the heires shold warantize the forsaid lond with the pertynentis by the forsaid services ayenst all men for ever. And furthermore the same Osbert and Eue graunted for hymself and for the heires of the same Eue that the forsaid Abbesse and other Abbesses that shold succede her afterward shold have her parke at her wille in the Courte of the same Osbert and Eue

of land in Empshott,

[= two-thirds]

and grant of the land by Godstow to Osbert of brech and his heirs

at a quit-rent of 7s.,

reserving to Godstow the right of imparking cattle in Osbert's yard.

[1] Witnesses: John of Stane, Thomas Makarel, James of Norton, Robert of Wodecote.

[2] 'Eue,' below.

and the heires of the same Eue in the same towne, to put ther bestis there to be inparked, with-out any agayn seiyng or lette of the same Osbert and Eue and her heires for ever.

[Farringdon.]

[Note.—This pension of £1 was still paid (*Monast.* iv. 375) to Godstow at the dissolution, 1540.]

[207.] * Chartur of Richard[1], bisshop of Exetur, for xx. *shillings* of þe churche of Glowcetur and of xx *shillings* of þe churche of Ferendon. * leaf XLII or 52. A.D. 113$\frac{3}{5}$.

4 The sentence of þis chartur is þat Richard[1], bi þe grace of god bisshop of exetur, gafe & grauntid to þe holi minchons of Godestowe xl. *shillings*, into perpetuel almis euiri yer, þat is to sei, in þe churche of owre ladi of Gloucetur, xx *shillings*, & in 8 þe churche of ferendon, xx. *shillings*: & is with-oute date. Grant to Godstow, by Robert, bishop of Exeter, of a pension of £1 out of Farringdon church

[208.] Confirmacion of Robert, bisshop of exetur, I-made to Richard, clerke, fitz turtain of the churche of farindon excepte xx. *shillings*. About 1140.

The sentence of þis confirmacion is, þat Robert, bisshop of exetur, gafe & grauntid to Robert, clerke, fitz turtain, in-to perpetuel almis þe churche of farendon excepte alonli xx. *shillings*, 12 þe whiche he gafe yerli of þe rentes of þe same churche to þe minchons of godestowe in perpetual almis: & for-asmuch as he willid to be sure & stronge, he strengthid hit with his writinge & with his seele: and is with-oute date. Reservation of the pension to Godstow, on presentation of a new incumbent to Farringdon church.

[209.] Chartur of arnulph, bisshop of lexetur[2], confirminge þe gifte of xx. *shillings* of þe churche of Farendon. About 1160.

16 The sentence of þis chartur is þat arnulph, bisshop of lexouer, grauntid to þe abbas & minchons of Godestowe xx *shillings* yerli to be paid to hem of þe churche of farendon, in-to perpetuel almis, at mihelmas, euin as Robert, bisshop of exetur, þe whiche Confirmation to Godstow, of no. 207, by Arnulph,

[1] In error for Robert (Chichester), bishop of Exeter 1138–55. See no. 163.
[2] Sic: for episcopus Lexoviensis (of Lisieux), 1154–72.

the incumbent.
* leaf XLII or 52, back.

had þe chapleinhode a-fore him, gafe to hem in þe dedicacion of heꝛ churche, & euin as kinge henri confirmid̃ *hit to hem at þe laste *with* his chartur: where[fore] þe fore-seide arnulph willid̃ & *com*maundid̃ þ*at* who-so-euir had̃ þ*at* chapel of him, how so-euir he haue hit, þ*at* he sholde pai þe xx *shillings* a-fore-seide to hem, at mihelmas, *with*-oute oni dowtinge; & he wolde make hit to-countid̃ in the paiinge of his rentis: & is *with*-oute date.

* leaf XLII or 52. About 1175. Confirmation to Godstow, of no. 207, by Richard Tocliffe, bishop of Winchester 1173–1189.

[210.] * Chartur of Ric*hard*, bisshop of winchest*er*, for xx *shillings* in þe churche of Ferendou*n*.

THE sentence of þis chart*ur* is, þ*at* Richard̃, bisshop of winchest*er*, willid̃ to be knowe to archedecuns, denis, & to all̃ þe clergie & pepul beinge þorow his bisshopriche, þ*at* for þe loue of god̃, at þe peticion of worthi kinge henr*e* kinge of I[*n*]glonde, [he] grauntid̃ & confirmid̃ *with* his writinge to þe holi minchons of Godestowe xx *shillings* in þe churche of farendon yerli to be take, euin as goode Ric*hard*, sumtime bisshop of exetur̃, laufulli grauntid̃ & confirmid̃ *with* his writinge as he sawe & rad̃: & is *with*-oute date.

About 1186.

[211.] Confirmacion of Iohn, bisshop of exetur, for þe same.

Confirmation to Godstow, of no. 207, by John, bishop of Exeter 1185–91.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*at* Iohn, bisshop of exetur̃, was plesid̃ & well̃ paide[1] of þe gifte & confirmacion of Ric*hard*[2] his p*re*decessor þ*at* he *gra*untid̃ to þe holi minchons of Godestowe of þe rente of xx. *shillings* yerli to be take of þe churche of farendon at mihelmas: & þ*er*fore he strengthid̃ hit *with* the auttorite of his writinge & þe surete of his seele: & is *with*-oute date.

* leaf XLII or 52, back. About 1190. Confirmation to Godstow, of no. 207, by Godfrey de Lucy, bishop of Winchester 1189–1204.

[212.] * Chartur of Godefrei, bisshop of winchester, confirminge þe chartur of Rob*er*t, bisshop of exetur, for þe same xx *shillings*.

[1] The Latin has (donacionem) 'gratam et ratam habere.' [2] Robert.

[213.] Chartur of petur, bisshop of winchester, confirminge þe graunt of Godefre & Robert, bishoppis of winchester[1], for þe same pension of farindon.

About 1205.
Confirmation to Godstow, of no. 219 and no. 207, by Peter des Roches, bishop of Winchester 1205–38.

[214.] A sentencial iugement of þe xx. *shillings* of þe churche of farindon.

1247, July 9.

Godstow nuns obtain a decision of the pope's commissioners confirming to them their 20s. yearly pension out of Farringdon church,

THE sentence of þis iugement shortli is, þat a delegacie was made to þe prior of Einisham, bitwene maister Iohn, person of Farindon, & þe abbas & couent, to determe þe riht bitwene hem for xx. *shillings* of rent yerli to be paid of þe churche of farindon, of þe whiche yerli pension þei had be in possession in time oute of minde, fro þe paiment of þe whiche xx. *shillings* þe fore-seide person had cesid bi þe space of v. yere, & þerfore þei askid him to be compellid þerof afturwarde, & also þe arrerages; & þei shewid her possession & askinge, sauinge to hem þe benefice of lawe. At the laste, aftur mani respites of deliberacion grauntid, moni excepcioun & defensis & replicasions I-purposid, & a bisi tretinge I-made bitwene hem, bi þe commune assent of boþe perteis, þei submittid hem to þe ordinans of þe fore-seide delegate; & he, bi þe auctorite of þe pope committid & also ordinarie to him, of þe consent of boþe, & counceli of wise-men & of men of lawe, þe processe bi-fore had & ali oþer thinges requisite, ordeinid þat þe fore-seide maistur Iohn sholde pai in þe name of þe seide churche of farindon for euer þe fore-seide pension of xx *shillings* yerli at too termis of þe yere to þe fore-seide abbas & Couent, biginninge þe firste terme at mihelmas þat was next & at estur next folowinge, & for þe arereges þe same person sholde pai xx *shillings*. Also þat þis pronuncinge & ordeininge sholde be sure & stronge, þe bothe pertis consentid for hem-selfe & her successours þat he miht compelle, bi oure delegat & ordinari power, þe parte þat wolde be ageiniste þis ordinaunce to þe kepinge of þis pronuncinge & ordeininge bi þe censur of þe churche. In-to witnes of þis he sette his seele to þis writinge, I-made like a chartur, I-actid & do þe yer of our lorde Millesimo CCxlvij, þe twiusdai next aftur þe translacion of seint Thomas þe martir.

and binding the parson of Farringdon to pay it for ever.

[Translation of Thomas Becket = 7 July.]

[1] In error for 'Godfrey, bp. of Winchester, and Robert, bp. of Exeter.'

[King's Clere.]

[See also under Knowle and Woolverton.]

* leaf XX or 31. About 1160.

Sale to Godstow, by William of Salueruille, of land called 'Clere prevet,' subject to 22*s.* quit-rent.

[215.] *Chartur of william saluernille of þe londe of Clere preuet by þe name of heritage I-grauntyd.

The sentence of thys chartur is, þat william of Saluernille grauntyd & gaf to edyue, of Godestowe abbas, & to her church, hys londe of clere preuet to hold & to haue, by þe name of herytage, of hym & of hys heyrys, frely & quietly of all 4 customys & all thynges longynge to hys lordys & to hym & to hys, oute-take towarde þe kynge. And Ediue & here successours of þe same place sholde pay [y]erly xxij *shillings* at mortoñ, & by twey termys, in þe myddyl of lente, xj *shillings*, & at Mihelmas, 8 xj. *shillings*: & he made þys graunt & gyft to be gyvyn by molde hys wyfe and Gilbert hys sone & manasse hys sone & Robert hys sone. And dame Ediue gafe to hym for hys graunt & for hys gyfte v. marke of syluyr, & to hys wyfe molde 12 vj *shillings* viij d., & to Gilbert hys sone ij *shillings* & to coppis of siluyr, & to manasse hyr sone xviij d, & to Robert her sone xviij d: & is with-oute date.

Purchase-money, £3 18*s.* 4*d.* and two silver cups.

About 1180.

[216.] Chartur of manasse of saluernille of þe londe of Clere.

Sale to Henry II, by Manasses of Salueruille, of the land of 'Clere prevet.' Purchase money, £16 13*s.* 4*d.*

The sentence of thys chartur is, þat manasse of Saluernille, 16 by þe assent and consent of hys wyfe & of hys heyrys, solde hys londe of clere preuet þe whyche william serle helde, to kynge henry þe sone of molde the imperasse, for xxv. marke, lowse, fre, & quiete fro all seruice longynge to hym & to hys heyrys, 20 sauynge þe seruice of hys lorde walter of Chauseye: & is with-out date.

About 1180.

* leaf XX or 31, back.

[217.] Chartur of Manasse saluernille of þe londe of Clere.

* The sentence of þys chartur is, þat manasses of saluernille & Robert hys broþer & molde hys modur gaf, & grauntid, to 24 god & to owre lady seynt marie & to seynt Iohn baptiste of

Godestowe & to þe holy mynchons þere seruynge god, her londe þat william sorel helde, to be holde of hem & of her heyrys for euyr, frely & quietly fro all seruices & all customys & all thynges boþe to þe kynge & also to her oþer lordys & to hem sylf & to her heyrys longynge, paynge yerly xxv. shillings at Mortun, & by twey termys, þat is to sey, xij shillings vj d. in myd-lente, & xij shillings vj d. at Myhelmasse: & þat þys gyft & graunt shulde be firme & sure, þe churche of Godestowe gaf to hem xxvij shillings: & is with-out date.

Sale to Godstow, by Manasses of Saluerville, of land, subject to £1 5s. quit-rent. Purchase-money, £1 7s.

[218.] * Chartur of rualde wodecote of þe ryht þat he had of a yerde londe of Clere þat is callid bastarde.

* leaf XX or 31. About 1200? Quit-claim to Godstow, by Ruald of Woodcot, of all title in a yardland called 'of bastard' and other Godstow lands,

THE sentence of thys chartur is, þat Rualde of wodecote, by þe prayers of hys wyfe Aaline & of henry hys heyr & by þe consent of hys oþer chyldyrn, relesyd & quiete claymyd all hys quarel & all hys ryht, yf he had ony, in the yerde londe of clere þe whyche is callid a yerde of bastard, & in oþer londys þer-vppon þe londys of mynchons of Godestowe, for þe loue of god & of seynt Iohn baptiste & for þe sowlys of hys fadur & modur, to þe mynchons of Godestowe þe whiche he louyd in criste: & þat þys reles & quiete-clayme shulde be sure her-aftur, he made hyt stronge by puttynge to of hys seall. He made þys relese & quite clayme in þe shyre of wynchestur. Furþermore he & hys heyrys grauntid & gaf to þe foreseyde mynchons on londe þat herreuarde helde of hym, paynge to hym þerof yerly to fatte hennys at Martyn-masse: & is with-out date.

and grant to Godstow by him of Hereward's yardland, quit-rent, two fat hens.

[219.] * A Chartur of Robert Cnolle for wodys.

* leaf XXI or 33, back. 1219, Sept. 11. Quit-claim to Godstow, by Robert of Knowle, of all title in three woods,

THE sentence of thys euydence is, þat a couenaunt was made by-twene þe lady of Godestowe & her couent & by-twene Robert Cnolle & hys heyrys, þat is to sey, Robert Cnoll & hys heyrys quite-claymyd to þe lady of Godestowe, & to þe couent ther Also, all hys clayme & ryht þat þey seydyn hem-selfe to haue in Williamsmore & in delthegroue & shortgroue, so þat þe seyd Robert Cnolle ne none of hys heyrys sholde not haue no clayme afturward in þe foreseyde grouys & londys toward þe foreseyde Abbas & couent of Godestowe, but þat þe Abbas & mynchons of Godestowe sholde haue & holde þe foreseyde

grouis & þe fore-seyde londis, w*ith* all þe p*er*tinenc*es*, well & in peece and worshypfully, in-to pure & p*er*petuel almys, as well frely & surely as ony almys may be had & holde: for thys quiete-clayme & graunt, þe fore-seyde felice, Abbas, & mynchons of Godestowe, grauntyd & quite-claymid to þe fore-seyde Robert Cnolle & to hys heyrys all her clayme & ryht þ*at* þe seyd Abbas & mynchons had in Northlye, Also hyt is to be knowe þ*at* henry, than stywarde of Godestowe, suryd hys trowthe for the Abbas & couent þys couenant to be kepyd: & þe fore-seyde Robert of knolle Also, vppon hys party, plyht hys trowthe to holde þys couenant for hym & hys heyrys: Thys was do, þe wodynsday a-fore þe holy rode day in heruiste, in þe full court of þe Abbas at santforde, the yer of the incarnacion of our lorde M°CCxix°, þe secu*n*de yer of kynge henry þe sone of kyng Iohn. And þ*at* þys graunt & couenant, as hyt is seyde by-fore, sholde obteyne ferme & stronge surenesse, hyt was confermyd by þe settynge of seelys of boþe p*er*ties: & is w*ith*-out date.

and quit-claim by Godstow, to Robert of Knowle, of all title in Northlye.

[Exaltation of Cross = Sept. 14.] [Sandford.]

* leaf XIX or 30. 1230, Oct.

[220.] * Of a fine I-leueyid in þe kyng*es* court a-geynyste Rog*er*[1] mortm*er*.

Verdict in favour of Godstow,

Thys was þe final a-corde made in þe kyng*es* courte at westmynst*er* fro þe day of seynt Myhell in-to j. monethe, þe xiiij. yer of þe reyne of kynge henry þe sone of kynge Iohn, a-fore Thom*as* Milet*on*, william Ralegh, Robert lexinton, william of þe Ile, william london, maystur Robert of sherdelawe, Raf Norwyche, & Richard Ryng*er*, Iustic*es*, & oþ*er* trewe men of þe kyng*es* þ*er*e þen beynge p*r*esent, by-twene amyfelyse[2], abbas of Godestowe, playnynge by reynolde porter I-sette in her stede to gete or to lese, & william Nefmeynil, deforcynge, of þe seruyce þ*at* Raph Mortm*er* askyth of þe fore-seyde abbas of a fre tenem*ent* þ*at* she hylde of hym in clere, where-of þe seyde abbas playnyd þ*at* þe foreseyde will*iam* aquitid[3] not hyr a-geynyst þe seyde Raph, þe same william cesyd, he was meene by-twene hem; & wher-of hyt was pletyd by-twene hem in þe fore-seyde courte, þ*at* is to say, þ*at* þe fore-seyde william made

claiming that William Nefmeynil is responsible for feudal services due to Ralph of Mortimer, the over-

[1] In the Latin also it is 'Roger' in the rubric, 'Ralph' in the text.

[2] 'Amifelisa' in Latin.

[3] In the Latin: 'non acquietavit eam versus praedictum Radulphum: desinit: idem Willelmus medius est.'

a knowlech þe fore-seyde tenement *with* þe *per*tinenc*es* to be ryht of þ*at* abbas & of heꝝ churche of Godestowe, to be had & holde to þe same abbas, & to oþ*er* abbasys þ*at* sholde succede to heꝝ, & to heꝝ church of Godestowe, of þe foreseyde william & hys heyrys, in-to fre puꝝ & p*er*petuel almys for euyr, so þ*at* þe foreseydꝫ william & hys heyrys sholde acquite alł the foreseyde tenement towarde the foreseyde Raf & hys heyrys of alł seruic*es* and customys & alł demaundys as hys puꝝ & p*er*petuel almys for euyr: & for thys recogniscion, acquietance, fine & concorde, þe foreseyde abbas relesydꝫ & claymydꝫ quite of heꝝ & oþ*er* abbassys succedynge heꝝ & of heꝝ churche of Godestow to the foreseyde william & to hys heyrys alł harmys þ*at* she had by the distreynynge made to her fore þe fore-seyde seruice by defaute of þe seyde william.

lord, out of a freehold which said William conveyed to Godstow,

Godstow remitting damages.

[221.] * Chartur of william fitz Robert of Cnolle of an acre londe in C[l]ere.

* leaf XXI or 32. About 1240.

THE sentence of þys chartur is, þ*at* wyllyam fitz Robert of Cnołł, by the assent & consent of aline hys wyfe & of wyllyam hys fyrst sone, gaf, g*ra*untidꝫ, & co*n*firmydꝫ by hys wrytynge, to god & to þe hows of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe holy mynchons there seruynge god, for þe helthe of hys sowle & of hys aunceturs & successours, on acre of londe in þe felde of Clere the whych is callid Ramisholte, the whyche lyeth by-twene þe londe of wolferton & þe londe of santforde, strecchynge fro þe sowþe towardꝫ þe northe; Also j corner of londe in strokynges croft vppon þe northe syde, for þe whyche he was wonydꝫ sum tyme to take yerly fowre horsshone of rent; Also on dyche, I-take & leueydꝫ of hys londe & I-cast vppon hys londe, that dep*er*tyth vppon þe est syde þe londe of santfordꝫ & vppon þe west syde hys londe of Cnołł, & hyt strecchyt[h] hyt-selfe fro þe sowþe syde of þe horscrofte towarde þe norþe vn-to an angle or a corner of Tudenhułł: to be holde & to be had to hem, w*ith*-oute ony a-geynyste seynge of men or women, in-to fre quiet & p*er*petuel almus: & þ*at* more certeyn truste myht be gyf & hadꝫ * to thys gyft graunt & confirmacion, he put to thys wrytynge hys seele: and is w*ith*-oute date.

Grant to Godstow, by William of Knowle,

of an acre,

[Woolverton: Sandford.]

a piece of land,

[Rent = four horseshoes.]

and a ditch.

* leaf XXI or 32, back.

* leaf XXII or 33, back. 1258, Oct.

[222.] *A finall a-corde by-twene the Abbas of Godestowe & william of clere[1] of a yerly rent of a marke.

Agreement between Godstow and Roger of Mortimer,

THYS was þe final a-corde I-made in the kyng*es* court at westmynst*er* fro the day of seynt Myhel in-to iij. wokys, the xlij. yere of þe reyne of kynge henry þe sone of kynge Iohn, a-fore Rog*er* of Turkelby, Gilbert of preston, & Nicholas of hanlo, Iustic*es*, & a-fore o*þer* trewe men of the kyng*es* then þer beynge p*re*sent, by-twene Emyne, Abbas of Godestowe, playn*er*, by wakelyne of Godestowe in her stede for to gete or to lese, & Rog*er* of Mortm*er*, deforcyd, by amyse of pelethorp in hys stede to gete or to lese, xvj. Marke þe whyche wer by-hynde to þe same abbas of a yerly rent of a marke þe whyche he owyd to hyr of a mylle i*n* withye, where-of hyt was pleyd by-twene hem in þe same courte: þ*at* is to sey, þ*at* þe fore-seyde Abbas relesyd & quite-claymyd, of hyr & of hyr successours & of hyr churche of Godestowe, to þe fore-seyde Rog*er* & to hys heyrys, all here ryht and clayme þ*at* she had in þe fore-seyde yerly rent & Also in þe foreseyde arreragijs for euyr. And for thys releys, quite-clayme, fine, & a-corde, þe same roger relesyd & quite-claymyd of hym & of hys heyrys to the foreseyde Abbas, & to o*þer* abbass*es* þ*at* sholde succede to hyr, & to hyr churche a-foreseyde, all hys ryht & clayme þ*at* he hadd in all þ*at* rent & tenement w*ith* þe p*er*tinenc*es* þ*at* þe same abbas & hur churche a-fore-seyde helde in fee in þe paryshe of kyng*es* Clere, the day þ*at* þis a-corde was made, for euyr: & furþ*er*more þe same rog*er* gaf to þe foreseyde Abbas xij. Marke of silu*er*.

by which Godstow quit-claimed to him 13*s*. 4*d*. yearly out of Withy mill, as also the arrears (£10 13*s*. 4*d*.), and he quit-claimed to Godstow all title in the tenement and paid £8.

* leaf XX or 31, back. About 1260? Quit-claim to Godstow, by John of mill, of a croft,

[223.] *Chartur of Iohn Chapleyn of Clere in þe towne of kyng*es* Clere.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Iohn of Mylle, chapeleyn, gaf & grauntyd, & confirmyd w*ith* hys wrytynge, to god & to the churche of our lady & of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe mynchons þ*er*e seruynge god and to serue for euyr, hys oon croft in kyngys clere, the whyche he bowht of william Cnolle, the whyche is callyd denpurcut, & lythe by-twene þe

[1] In the MS., no. 224 immediately preceded, and its rubric has been repeated in error.

londe of þe fore-seyde mynchons of Godestowe (þe whyche londe is callid Taywyerescroft) & þe kyngys wey (þe whyche ledythe fro kyngys clere toward * weymismyll) & strecchythe hyt selfe fro þe northe in-to þe southe: þe seyd crofte to be had & to be holde, *with* all hys *per*tinence*s*, to þe fore seyde mynchons & to her successours, frely & quietly, pesybly & holly, in-to fre & *per*petual almus, of hym & of hys heyrys & to[1] hys assynys, paynge þe*r*of yerly to the chyfe lorde of þe fee j. clowe gylofer at myhel-masse, [&] to hym & to hys heyrys or to hys assynys j. rose at mydsom*ur* for all seruic*es*, þ*at* is to sey, for sewte of court*es* of shyrys, hundredys, lawday, & for all seculer seruic*es* & demaundys: & þe seyde Iohn & hys heyrys or hys assynys warantized, acquited, & defendyd to the fore-seyd mynchons & to her the successours the fore-seyde crofte, *with* all hys *per*tinence*s* & fredoms by-fore wrete, for euyr, ageynyst all pepull; & þ*at* hys gyft graunte & confirmacion sholde be ferme and sure & stable for eu*er*, he strengthyd hyt *with* þe settynge of hys seele: & is *with*-oute date.

* leaf XXI or 32.

to be held by quit-rents, to chief lord, a clove gilly-flower, to the mesne lord, a rose.

[224.] *A final a-corde by william of Clere of a mese & xx acris of londe.

* leaf XXII or 33, back. 1269, June. Sale to Godstow, by William of Clere,

The sentence of þys is, þ*at* þys was a final a-corde I-made in þe kyngys courte at westmynst*er* fro trinite soneday in-to xv days, þe thre & fyfty ye*r*e of þe reyne of henry þe sone of kynge Iohn, afore martyn litlebury, Mayst*ur* rog*er* sayton, & Iohn Cobh*a*m, Iustic*es*, & a-fore o*þer* trewe men of þe kyng*es* there þen beynge p*r*esent, by-twene william of cler*e*, asker, by Robert of hall sette in hys stede to gete or to lese, & Emyne, Abbas of Godestowe, holder, by Nicholas of Mungewelle sette in her stede to gette or to lese, of a mese & xx acris of londe *with* þe p*er*tinence*s* in kyngys cler*e*, wher-of 'assise of hys auncetur' was made by-twene hem, þ*at* is to sey, þ*at* william relesyd & q*ui*te-claymyd, of[2] hym & of[2] hys heyrys, to þe fore-seyde Abbas, & to o*þer* Abbassys the whyche sholde succede to here, & to her churche of Godestowe, all the ryht & clayme þ*at* he had in þe foreseyde tenement *with* the p*er*tinence*s* for euyr: and for þis reles, quite-clayme, fine, & concorde, the Abbas gaf to the foreseyd william viij. Marke of siluyr.

of a messuage and 20 acres. [assise of mort d'auncester.]

Purchase money, £5 6*s*. 8*d*.

[1] Read 'of.' [2] Read 'for.'

* leaf XXI or 32, back. About 1270. Grant to Godstow, by Henry of Edmundsthorp, of 2 acres.

[225.] * Chartur of henry of Edmundusthrope for ij acris.

THE sentence of þys chartur is, that henry of Edmundisthrop gaf, grauntid, & confirmid with hys wrytynge, to god & to the churche of seynt Iohn baptist of Godestowe, & to the Abbas & couent brethyrn & systyrn of þe same place þer seruynge god, in-to pur & perpetuell almis, for þe saluacion of hys sowle & of Isabel hys wyfe & for þe saluacion of þe sowlis of all hys aunceturs & successours, ij. acris of londe the whyche lyen in the feeldys of kynges Clere, of þe whyche on acre lyeth in the west feelde at hellenestubbe, by-twene the londe þat was of henry Coke & þe londe þat was of william Cnoll; & an-oþer acre lythe in þe feelde in þe tilthe þat is callid burnefurlonge, in þe northe parte of þe londe þat was of Iohn scut, & strecchyth hyt-sylfe fro þe west towarde þe est vn-to woluethelynge, & þat acre is callid krockeresacre. The fore-seyde henry grauntyd þe seyde ij. acris of londe, with here pertinences, to be had & to be holde of hym & of hys heyrys, to þe seyde holy churche of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, to þe Abbas brethyrn & systryn of þe seyde holy hous, well & in peece, freely & quietly, hole & herytably for euyr; & þe seyde henry & hys heyrys warantiȝyd & acquited & defendyd þe seyde ij. acris of londe, with all here pertinences, to þe seyde holy church Abbas & couent brethryn and systryn of þe seyde holy hows & to her successours for euyr, a-geynyst all pepull: & þat hys gyft graunt & confirmacion myht be stronge & sure for euyr, * he strengthyd hyt with þe puttyng to of hys seele.

[Strange title of Godstow.]

* leaf XXII or 33.

About 1280. Grant to Godstow, by John franklin, of 'Prevet Croft,'

[226.] Cartur of Iohn frankeleyne for preuet crofte.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, þat Iohn frankeleyne gaf, grauntyd, & confirmyd with hys wrytynge, to royse Abbas of Godestowe & to her couent, a crofte of hys londe of þe fee of frollebury, þe whyche is callyd preuet crofte, & buttythe in length toward þe west vppon þe londe of þe seyde abbas & towarde þe est vppon þe londe of þe person of þe churche of wolfrynton, & it lieth in brede by-twene the londe of þe seyde Abbas of þe sowthe partye & the londe of william at groue vppon þe northe syde. Alle þe fore-seyde crofte, with all his

[Woolverton.]

pertinences, he grauntyd' to be had & to be holde, to þe fore-seyde abbas & to her' successours, & to the couent of þe same place, quietly, frely, pesybly, & holly, in perpetuell ryht, paynge
4 þer-of yerly to hym & to hys heyrys j. d' in þe feste of seynt myhel for all' seculer seruice, exaccion, & demaunde: for þe whyche gyfte, graunt, & confirmacion, þe fore-seyde Abbas, with assent & consent of all' þe couent of þe same place of Godestowe,
8 gaf to hym vj acris londe in a felde þat is callid' þe breche, lyinge by-twene þe londe þat thomas pykeforde helde of the foreseyde Abbas & þe wode þat is callid' þe fryth, in-to an eschange of þe foreseyde crofte þat is callid' preuet croft: & þe
12 seyde Iohn franckeleyn and hys heyris warantized', acquited', & defendyd' for euer, þe seyde crofte, with alle hys pertinences, to þe foreseyde Abbas & her' successours, a-geynyste all pepuls: & þat hys graunt, gyft, & confirmacion, sholde be sure & stable
16 for euyr, he strengthyd hyt with þe preynt of hys seele: & is with-oute date.

quit-rent, 1*d.*,

in exchange for 6 acres in 'the Breche.'

[227.] Chartur of Nicholas of Clere ryal or kynges Clere for viij shillings of rent yerly.

128½, Feb. 25.

Grant to Godstow, by Nicholas and William of Clere, of 8*s.* rent-charge over the lands of the serf John Aylmer.

The sentence of thys euidence is, þat Nicholas & william of kynges Clere, brethyrn, & her' heyrys, byn holde & bounde to þe
20 religius women þe Abbas & couent of Godestowe in viij shillings of sterlynges, yerly to be payd' to hem in þe feste of seynt Myhel, for Iohn I-callid Aylmer, sum-tyme her' bondeman, þe whych þey gaf to þe seyde Nicholas & Iohn, with all' hys goodys
24 & catall' & londis þe whyche he hylde a-fore of þe seyde Abbas & couent, as hyt is conteynyd' fully in þe chartur of þe refeffement þat þe seyde Abbas & couente made to hem vppon these thynges: & they wyllyd' & grauntyd' for hem & for her' heyrys, by the
28 tenowre of þys present wrytynge, þat hyt sholde be leffull' to þe seyde Abbas & Couent to entre & occupe as her owne þe seyde londys & oþer thyngys þat þey had at þat tyme & were to haue afturwarde in þe towne of kynges Clere, & also to reseyue all'
32 the avaylys of the same frely & with-out a-geyn seynge of ony man, & to make distreynynge as they wolde for þe seyde rent, as ofte as hyt cesyd' to be payd'. They willid' also & grauntyd' for hem & for her heyrys þat þe shreue of wynchester, þe whyche

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is for þe tyme, sholde dystreyne hem & her heyrys to þe payment to be do in what wyse he willid, & for euyry distreynynge þat he dothe to leuey of her goodys & of here heyrys vj *shillings* viij. d. to hys oune nede for hys labour, & vj. *shillings* viij d to 4 þe nede of the seyde ladyis for her expenses & harmys þat they sofred by the occasyon of þe seyde rent not I-payde in þe tyme I-sette. In-to witnes of þys thynge þey put to thys wrytynge her selis. The date at Godestowe, in þe morne[1] of seynt Mathie 8 apostle, þe yer of our lorde a thousande to hundred iiij. score & iiij.

[Matthias = Febr. 24.]

[228. * Charter of John son of Hereward.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 183. 1317, June 13. * leaf 183, back. Grant by Godstow, to John Hereward, and his father, of life-interests in a yardland.

MARGERY of Dine, abbess, and the convent of Godstow, granted to John son of John* Hereward the yardland which 12 his father had held of Godstow in Clere, for life-term, paying 7*s*. yearly by half-yearly payments. If John the father overlive John the son, then the said yardland shall revert in villeinage at the old services to the father and his wife for life-term, but 16 on the death of them both shall fall to Godstow.

Given at Godstow, on the Monday after the Octave of Trinity, the 10th year of Edward son of King Edward.]

[229. * Charter of land given to John of Northweston in the field of King's Clere.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 183, back. 1323, Sept. 18. Grant by Godstow, to John of Northweston, of a life-interest in 32 acres. [Matthew = Sept. 21.]

MARGERY de Dyne, abbess, and the convent granted to said 20 John and his wife Cristiana, and to the longer liver of them, 32 acres in King's Clere which Richard Wychisburi once held. They were to pay 10 shillings of silver yearly for all services.

Given at Godstow, on the Sunday before the feast of 24 St. Matthew the Evangelist, 17 Edward II.]

[230.] * Chartur of Iohn Cnolle of all hys ryht in kyngys Clere.

* leaf XXI or 32. 133¾, Jan. 7. Quit-claim to Godstow, by John of Knowle

THE sentence of thys chartur is, þat Iohn cnolle grauntyd in-to pur & perpetual almus, & vtturly quite-claymyd, to god & to þe churche of our lady & of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe 28

[1] i.e. morrow.

& to þe holy mynchons þere seruynge godꝑ, for hym & for hys heyrys for euyr, alł hys ryht & clayme þat he had or myht haue in ony maner wyse in a place of londe with hys pertinences in the parysshe of kyngys Clere, the whyche is callydꝑ aywyepurcot, & þe fore-seyde place of londe lyþe by-twene hys mede þat is callydꝑ þe hole mede & a crofte þat is callidꝑ hagenhułł vppon þe est, & a crofte of þe fore-seyde hows of Godestowe þe whyche is callid strokynges londe vppon þe west syde; so þat þe foreseyde Iohn, noþer hys heyrys, ne no man by hem or for hem or in her name, sholde mowe to aske or chalange ony thynge of ryht or of clayme heraftur in þe fore-seyde place with hys pertinences, but that they sholde be excludydꝑ by þys presente wrytynges for euyr for alł maner accion of ryht. In-to wytnes of þe same þynge he put to þys wrytynge hys seele. The date at kynges Clere, þe freday next aftur þe fest of þe Epiphanye of owre lorde, þe vij. yere of þe reyne of kynge Edwarde þe thyrde aftur þe conquest.

of all title in certain land.

[Knowle in King's Clere parish.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, the Godstow properties in Sandford and King's Clere were returned (*Monast.* iv. 375) as bringing in yearly, the demesne-land, £8; the quit-rents of the copyholds, £12 16*s.* 6*d.*; and the freeholds, 10*s.*; in all £21 6*s.* 6*d.*]

[231.] *A Chartur of Adam of brurton of the londe of Cnolle.

* leaf XX or 31, back. About 1140. Confirmation to Godstow, by Adam of Brincton, as feudal superior, of Ralph of Wafer's gift of land,

The sentence of thys chartur is, þat adam of brurton[1], for hys sowle and of hys predecessours, grauntydꝑ þe yfte þat Raf þe sone of wayfere & hys heyrys made, by the consent of Robert þe sone of wayfere hys broþer of þe same fadur[2], of alł þe londe of þe holde in Cnolle, in-to perpetual allmys, to the churche of god & of our lady seynt Mary & of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe holy mynchons þere seruynge godꝑ, with alł þe pertinences, þat is to sey in wode and playne, & in medys & pasturys, in pondes & watures & myllys, in weyes & pathys, & in

[1] 'Brincton,' in the Latin.

[2] 'by the consent of Robert of Waifere, his brother, my father, of all his land de tenura de Cnolle.'

all placis & in all thyngys. He willid also & grauntyd ye foreseyd londe þat ye foreseyde holy mynchons sholde holde hyt for euyr, well & in pece, fre and vtturly quiete fro all seculer seruice & all exaccions, so þat he & hys heyrys sholde do for euyr to ye kynge & to hys lorde ye seruice (of[1] hys oþer fee) þat longythe to the londe: & furþermore he gaf to hem on cart-full of hey yerly to be payde to hem for euyr: & is with-out date.

and grant of a cart-load of hay yearly.

* leaf XIX or 30. About 1154.

[232.] *A couenawnt by-twene Mynchons of Godestowe & Richard labanc.

Grant to Godstow, by Richard Labaanc, of lands,

* leaf XIX or 30, back.

[Nuns' dower.] free of all feudal service, but subject to an annuity of £2 to the donor for his lifetime.

The sentence of thys conuencion is, þat by-twene the mynchons of Godestowe & Richard labaanc a couenaunt was made of ye londe of [2]cnolle & of swanton, ye whiche he gaf, in-to perpetuel almys, to god & to our lady seynt mary * & to the churche of Godestowe & to ye mynchons þere seruinge god, for ye helpe of hys sowle & of hys predecessours, with hys modyr Rohays & hys sistur cecilie ye whyche were made there mynchons, the fore-seyde londe to be fre & vtturly quite fro all seculer seruices, excepte þat ye fore-seyde Richard labaanc shulde haue of the foreseyd church[3] yerly xl. shillings whyle þat he liuyth in thys worlde. Aftur the dethe of ye seyde Richard ye foreseyde londe of cnolle, swanton, with all ye pertinences, in woode, in playn, millis & weyis & patthys, & all oþer þynges, with-oute ye xl. shillings, & Also fro all seculer seruice be vtturly fre & quite & vnbroke, welle & pesibly, in ye foreseyde church for euyr, so þat ye heyrys of ye seyde Richarde sholde do the seruice, of hys oþer fee, þat pertinith oþer to ye kynge oþer to hys lorde of þat londe, þat is to sey, of Cnolle & of Swanton. Also[4] he grauntyd to ye same church hys body to be buryed aftur hys dethe: & he confirmyd thys conuencion to be holde ferme & sure by hys feythe & trowþe, & þat a-fore kynge henry kynge of Ingelonde & alienowre ye quene, bothe clerkes & lay men[5]: & is with-oute date.

[Burial at Godstow.]

[1] This goes, in sense, with 'do.'

[2] In the Latin copy (Exchequer MS. leaf 19, back) 'all his land of Cnolle, and Sauanton which belongs to it, and Sandford with all pertinents.'

[3] i.e. of Godstow.

[4] 'post mortem vero eius, corpus suum sepeliendum eidem ecclesie concessit.'

[5] Among the witnesses are Nicholas Labaanc, and Sara wife of Richard Labaanc.

[233. * Charter of the king to Godstow for lands and tenements in Clere.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 19, back. About 1154. Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, of Richard Labaanc's gift, as in no. 232.

Henry II intimates to the bishop of Winchester and others and to all his lieges French and English of Suthamtescyre, that Richard labaanc came into his presence and gave to Godstow, 4 with his mother and sister to be nuns, all his land of Cnolle and Suanton with all pertinences, free of all secular service, save that, while said Richard lived, the convent should pay him yearly 40*s*. After Richard's death the land should be quite 8 free of burdens, his heirs doing all services due from it, out of his other lands.

Witnesses:—Queen Eleanor, Thomas [Becket] canc*ellarius* [1154–62]; Mann*asses* Biset, dapifer; War*in* son of Ger*old*, 12 came*rarius*; Ralph of Hasting; William son of Ham*on*; and Josc*eline* de Baillolio. At Lincoln].

[234.] * A-nother Chartur of Rich*ard* labanc of Clere.

* leaf XIX or 30. About 1151. Grant to Godstow, by Richard Labaanc, of 5 hides, altogether free of feudal dues.

The sentence of þys chartur is, þat Richard labaanc gr*a*untyd & gaf, in-to p*er*petuel almys, to þe churche of god & of our lady 16 seynt marye & of seynt Ion baptiste of Godestowe & to the holy mynchons þere seruynge god, all the dowry of hys modur, þat is to sey, knolle[1], & swanton þe whyche longethe to the same, & sanforde & hodicotte as muche as hys p*re*decessours 20 had, þat is to sey, v. hydys. All þese þyng*es* he grauntyd & gaf, vtturly frely & quietly fro all seculer seruic*es*, w*ith* all her p*er*tinenc*es*, as frely & as goode as euyr ony of hys p*re*decessours helde hyt: & more-ou*er* he grauntyd, more frely, þat he wolde 24 do to the kynge & to hys lorde þe seruice of hys oþ*er* londys þat was wonyd to be do for hem: & is w*ith*-out date[2].

[235.] A Chartur of hugh mortm*er* of the londe labaanc.

About 1154. Confirmation to Godstow, by Hugh of

The sentence of thys chartur is þat hugh mortm*er*, by þe consent of Rog*er* hys sone & of hys oþ*er* heyrys, gaf & grauntyd 28 to þe churche of god & of our lady & of seynt Iohn baptiste &

[1] In the Latin, 'Cnolle, and Swanton which belongs to it.'

[2] Witnesses (Exchequer MS. leaf 20): Jeffrey [of Monmouth], bishop [elect] of St. Asaph [1152–54]; Walter, archdeacon of Oxford [died Oct. 1151]; Robert, prior of St. Frideswyde's [1141–70]; Odelard labaanc and Hugh his 'nepos'; Ralph Lancelene, &c.

Mortimer, as feudal superior, of no. 234.

to the holy mynchons of Godestow þere seruinge god, all the londe of knolle & swanton þat longyth to þe same & sanford, with all hys pertinences, fre & quiete fro alle seculer seruices, as Richard labaanc gaf hyt to þe foreseyd churche, so þat þe foreseyd Richard & hys heyrys sholde do to hym & hys heyrys þe seruice of hys oþer fee þat longythe to þat londe.

[WINCHESTER [1].]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 185. About 1160? Grant to Godstow, by Robert of Meisi, [Nun's dower.] of land outside and inside Winchester.

[236. * Charter of Robert of Meisi for Land in Winchester.

ROBERT of Meisi, with consent of his heirs, gave to Godstow land in Wintonia which he held of the fee of the earl of gloucester, with his daughter to be a nun; viz. land outside north gate which William Hogelies holds, and other land in Suldwregtestret and flesmongerestrete, with proviso [2] that by payment he may have lodging there when he requires it.

Witness:—Wacheline, abbot of Abbendon [3].]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 185. About 1160? Grant to Godstow, by Herebert of St. Quintin, of three messuages. [Nun's dower.]

[237. * Charter of Herbert of St. Quintin for iii. messuages in Winchester.

HERBERT of St. Quintin lets French and English know that he has given to Godstow three messuages at Winchester, viz. two within the city and one outside. Of the said mansions within the wall, one pays yearly 15*d.* and the other 12*d.*; and the land outside pays 10*d.* This gift was given with his sister Odelena to be a nun.

Witnesses:—Robert of Meysy, Richard Musard, etc.]

[WOOLVERTON.]

* leaf XIX or 30, back. About 1250. Agreement

[238.] * A plee by-twene the lady Abbas & syr reynolde fitz petur, lorde of woluerton.

THE sentence of thys plee is, þat þe abbas of Godestowe & þe Couent browht syre Reynolde fytz petur, by a bref þat is callyd

[1] All the Winchester property seems alienated before pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291.

[2] 'Ita tamen ut hospicia illic habeam meis nummis, ut consuevi, si necesse fuerit.'

[3] i.e. Abingdon.

'quo iure,' in þe kynges court in-to ple, for asmuche as syre Reynolde & hys men of woluerton, & also þe person of þe place, askyd vnduly comune pasture in a woode þat is callyd
4 le fryth[1], as þey seyde. At the laste þe ple restyd in-to þys maner, by frendely composicion by-twene partyes for euyr, þat is to sey, þat þe fore-seyde abbas & mynchons grauntid to þe foreseyd syre Reynold & to hys heyrys, & to þe person of the
8 place & to hys successours, þat hyt sholde be lefful to hem for to haue her bestys[2] (þat is to sey, of hys maner, & of the churche of woluerton) in pasture of þe woode of le fryth &[3] for to be quite fro pannage. Also they grauntyd to þe men of þe
12 fore-seyd syre Reynolde for euyr, þat hyt sholde be lawefull to hem to haue her beestes[2], þe whych they haue in þe maner of woluerton, in þe foreseyde woode pasture[4] & pannage, so þat þe pannage of her owne hogges þey haue quite[5]: & þe seyde syre
16 Reynolde relesyde & quite-claymyd to þe foreseyde abbas and couent, for hym & hys heyrys & hys men of woluerton, & the fore-seyde person also, for hym & hys successours, all þe londe of þe breche, boþe in medewe & in pasture & in arable londe,
20 & all þe ryht & clayme þat he had or myht haue by þe name of pasture or by þe name of ony oþer Ryht in hit, so þat hyt sholde be leffull to hem (þat is to sey, to þe abbas & to þe couent) for to appropur þe fore-seyde londe & mede & pasture with all her
24 pertinences, with-out ony a-gaynseynge of hem, or lette; also to deduce hyt in-to what-euer vsis þat þey wyllyd, as hyt likyth & semyth to hem most best & most profitable to spede, holy & quietly & in peece for euer, that alonly oute-take, þat þe fore-
28 seyde syre Reynold & hys heyrys & hys men of woluerton, & þe fore-seyde person & hys successours, shold haue alonly fre-goynge to her beestes to be waturde at the welle of the brech; Also þat hyt sholde be lawefull to the foreseyde abbas & Couent, to cast
32 down & to take, aftur her wyll, of þe foreseyde woode of þe frith as hyt plesyth hem & whenne-so-euyr they wylle, with-out ony a-geyne-seynge & lette or playnt of the fore-seyde syre reynolde, person of woluerton, & her heyrys & successours, & also of her
36 men, sauynge to þe fore-seyde Reynolde & to hys *heyrys þe

between Godstow on the one part, and the lord of the manor of Woolverton and the rector of Woolverton on the other part, as to pasture-rights in Godstow wood called 'the Frith,' Godstow allowing free pasture and pannage to the beasts of the manor, of the rectory, and of the tenants of the manor; Sir Reginald giving up his claim on the woodland called 'the Breche,' and allowing Godstow to appropriate it altogether, only leaving free passage to the well there, for the cattle of the lord of Woolverton and his tenants and of the rectory. Godstow to have absolute right to the * leaf XX or 31.

[1] Reading doubtful: possibly 'frych.'
[2] 'averia.'
[3] 'et pannagio quieta.'
[4] Ablative in the Latin, 'pastura et pannagio' = at pasture and pannage.
[5] i.e. so that they do not pay for pannage of their own porci.

timber of 'the Frith,' allowing the lord of Woolverton his old hunting-rights there. Godstow to have leave to plant, and build and settle men in 'the Frith.' Exchange of good offices between the lords of Woolverton and the abbey of Godstow.

ryht of hys huntynge aftur þat hyt sholde be sauyd̃ to hem of ryht, so neu*er* þe lese þat hyt sholde be leffull̃ to the fore-seyd̃ abbas & to her̃ Couent all̃ þe fore-seyde londe *with* hys *per*tinenc*es* to plante & to bylde aftur her owne wylle & also men there to dwelle yf þey wyllid. Furþ*er*more hyt is to be notyd̃ þat þe fore-seyde Reynolde fitz petur, for hym & hys heyrys, toke þe goodys, londys, & possessions of the fore-seyde abbas & mynchons of Godestowe i*n* hys defense & p*ro*teccion for euyr: and þe same abbas & mynchons of Godestowe toke hym & receyuyd̃ in massys, in matyns, in oþ*er* owrys, suffrag*es*, almys, fastyng*es*, & all̃ oþ*er* thyngys þat myht p*ro*fite to the helþe of sowlys: but þat all̃ þes þyng*es* a-fore-seyde myht a-byde stable & sur̃ for eu*er*, & þat þey myht haue p*er*petuel strengthe of surenes, þe fore-seyde p*ar*ties sette to þys p*re*sent chartur her selys, euyryche a-geynyst oþ*er*: & is w*ith*-out date.

[239.] * A Chartur of pers herbert of Cler.

*leaf XX or 31, back. About 1210. Grant to Godstow, by Piers son of Herbert, of leave to enclose and cultivate an 'assart' near Woolverton Park, leaving free access to the well there, and reserving rights of pasture in the stubble.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, þat pers fitz herbert[1], for þe loue of god & for þe helþe of hys sowle & for þe soulis of hys auncet*urs* & successours, grauntyd̃ to god & to our̃ lady seynt Marye of Godestowe & to þe mynchons þere seruy*n*ge god, þat þey may close here assarte þat lyeth̃ nyhe hys parke of wolu*er*ton, & to ere hyt & to sowe, aftur her̃ owne wille, w*ith*-oute lette of hym or of hys, so naþeles þat hys meyny of wolu*er*ton sholde haue fre & full̃ power̃ to lede her̃ bestys to the welle, the whyche is sette in þe fore assarte, to wat*er* hem & to bryng*e* hem a-geyne. That notwythstondynge he reteynyd̃ to hym & to hys meyny þat, fro þat tyme þat þe cornys I-sowe in þe same Assarte aftur resonable tyme be remeuyd̃, all̃ hys meyny of þe same man*er* sholde haue full̃ & fre commune to all̃ her bestys in þe pasture of þe fore-seyd̃ assarte, vnto a-noþ*er* tyme resonable of sowynge, w*ith*-out lette: and for-asmuche þat hys graunt sholde a-byde ferme & stable for euyr, he put to þys wrytynge hys seele: & is with-oute date.

[1] Rev. H. Salter tells me that this Peter, son of Herbert, is the father of Sir Reginald of no. 238, and that Sir Reginald came into his inheritance in 1248.

LINCOLNSHIRE

[SYSTON, near Grantham.]

[NOTE.—At the dissolution, 1540, Wroxton priory (*Monast.* iv. 372) was still paying this £2 to Godstow.]

[240.] *An annuyte[1] of xl. *shillings* I-grauntyd' by maist*er* myghel Belet vnto the mynchons of Godestowe, which the prio*ur* and chanons of Wroxton *shold' paye yerely out of the maner of Sydeston at ij. t*er*mes of the yere. *leaf 169. About 1220. *leaf 169, back.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that maist*er* myghell Belet yaf and graunted, to the lady Abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther *ser*uyng god', a rent of xl. *shillings* yerely to be take at ij. t*er*mes, that is to sey, xx. *shillings* atte vtas of whitsontyde, and xx. *shillings* atte vtas of seynt Martyn*e* in wynter; the which forsaid' xl. *shillings* the forsaid' mynchons shold' resceive by the hande of the priour and of the chanons of Wroxton, to the which he assigned' a certayn*e* rente, in a certayn*e* place, at a certayn*e* t*er*me, in his maner of Sideston, that they shold' take the xl. *shillings* and pay them to the forsaid' mynchons atte forsaid' t*er*mes: he made also the forsaid' chanons to be-hote in p*er*el of ther sowles, and to swere vpon the holy gospels, that they shold' paye the forsaid' rente to the forsaid' mynchons w*ith*-out ony gyle or disceite, all' lettyng and occasion cesyng. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Michael Belet, of a rent-charge of £2 to be paid by Wroxton priory out of Syston manor.

[Oath on Gospels.]

[241.] An obligacion of the priour of Wroxton byndyng hym-self and his Covente to pay the forsaid' xl. *shillings* atte t*er*mes I-assigned'. About 1220.

THE sentence of this obligacion is, that hugh, priour of the place of owre lady of Wroxton, and all' the Couente that there serued' god' and oure lady, bounde theym and ther successours

Obligation to Godstow, by Hugh, prior of

[1] Not included in pope Celestine III's confirmation (no. 902), 1192, and therefore of somewhat later date.

Wroxton, for payment of the rent-charge, as in no. 240.

for eu*er* to pay vnto the abbesse of Godestowe and to the couente of the same place yerely xl. s*hillings* of siluer, that is to sey, xx. *shillings* atte vtas of seynt Martyn*e* in wynter, and xx. s*hillings* atte vtas of whitsontyde: The which forsaid 4 xl. s*hillings* their*e* patrone, maist*er* Mighell Belet, assigned to them, to be take in his maner of Sydeston, where he yaf to them x. poundeworth of londe, as the chart*er* of hit witnesseth, the which they haue. And they made the forsaid 8 obligacion in many maners: for they swore into ther sowles that they wold paye atte forsaid t*er*mes the forsaid payment of iij. marke w*ith*out fraude or occasion, all agayn*e*-seiyng and lette sesyng, and occasion; And they confermed w*ith* ther 12

Penalty for neglect to pay, £1.

conuentuell seale that is I-hanged to this writyng, vndir payn*e* of xx. s*hillings* for eu*er*y faile that happened; Also they subiected them-self specially in this behalf to the Iurisdiccion of the bisshop of lyncolne that were for the tyme, And also to 16 the Archidekon of Oxenford, that they two, or one of them, myght compelle them, w*ith*oute ony agaynsaiyng, to the forsaide payment, and to the peyn*e* yf hit were co*m*mytted; And who-so-eu*er* were I-made priour shold swere that he shold truly obs*er*ue 20 this obligacion. These beyng witnesse, & c*etera*.

* leaf 155, back. About 1220.

[242.] *An obligacion of the Priour of Wroxton, I-made to the Abbesse of Godestowe, for xl. s*hillings* yerely.

Duplicate of no. 241.

THE sentence of this obligacion is, that the priour and Couente of the place of Wroxton bounde them-self and ther successours for eu*er* to yelde yerely to the abbesse and couente 24 of Godestowe xl. s*hillings* of siluer, that is to sey, xx. s*hillings* at the vtas of seynt Martyn in wynt*er* and xx. s*hillings* at the vtas of whitsontyde, the which xl. s*hillings* maist*er* Mighell belet their*e* patrone[1] assigned to them, to be take in his maner of 28 Sydeston, wher he yaf to them x. pounde.

[Leaf missing.]

[1] Wroxton priory was founded by Michael Belet early in 1217.

MIDDLESEX

[London.]

[243. * Charter of Hugh, archdeacon of Leicester, for a shop in West Cheap.

*** Exchequer MS. leaf ii. About 1181? Grant to Godstow, by Hugh, archdeacon of Leicester, of a shop in West Cheap.**

Hugh, Legre. archidiaconus, informs Ralph (de Diceto), dean, and the chapter of St. Paul's, that he has given to Godstow land which Hugh son of John holds of him, viz. the shop in
4 Westcheap which Bernard Caldebuf held of Osbert his father, and of (Hugh's brother) Richard son of Osbert, as his brother Richard gave it to him.

Witnesses:—William, archdeacon of London, etc.]

[Note.—Rev. H. Salter points out to me a difficulty of dates. According to Le Neve, Hugh was made archdeacon of Leicester in 1148, and ceased to be archdeacon 'before 1180.' This would push back the deed to the time of Ralph de Langford, dean of St. Paul's, who died about 1152. But, on the other hand, this West-Cheap rent-charge does not appear in Henry II's confirmations of 1156 or 1165, and does appear in that of 1182. Ralph de Diceto became dean in 1181.]

[244. * Charter of Henry son of Ailw.[1] of London.

*** Exchequer MS. leaf ii. About 1181? Grant to Godstow, by Henry son of Ailwyn, of a rent-charge to found an obit.**

8 Said Henry gave to Godstow, for the soul of king Henry and his own soul, 5*s*. of quit-rent of the land which Laurence pistor held of him outside Bissopesgate, to be taken on the day of his obit yearly.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291, this is still found, viz. 5*s*. in St. Botulph's parish outside Bishopsgate, London.]

[245. * Grant by Nicholas of Cerontha[2] son of Martin.

*** Exchequer MS. leaf ii. About 1200? Grant to Godstow, by Nicholas of Ce-**

12 Said Nicholas gave to Godstow, for the soul of his brother and his own, a half-marc of rents in London, to be paid half-yearly, viz. at Easter and Michaelmas, viz. of the land of

[1] This Henry fitz-Ailwyn is set down as the first mayor of London, holding office from about 1189 till his death in 1212.

[2] Possibly 'Geroutha.'

rontha of rent-charges 6*s.* 8*d.*

the nuns of Stratford, 2*s.*; of the land of Martin listor, 3*s.* 8*d.*; of the land of Clement clerk, 8*d.*; and of his own land, 4*d.*]

* leaf 191, back. 1325, July 16.

[246.] ***A licence I-made to Edmond Mabaunke that he myght yeve to the mynchons of Godestowe one mese in Fletestrete in the subarbis of london, notwithstandyng the statute of mortmayn.**

Licence in mortmain, by Edward II,

THE sentence of this licence is, that kyng Edwarde, kyng of Englond & *cetera*, willed to be know that, though hit were I-ordeyned and by statute I-made that hit shold not be lawfull to religious peple to entre the fee of ony man in such wise that hit shold come to morte mayne with-out his licence and of the chief lord of the which that thynge was I-holde immediatly, Natheles, by a fyne the which the welbeloued to hym in crist the abbesse of Godestowe made with hym, he graunted and yaf licence, for hym and his heires as moche as was in hym, to Edmond Mabank, that he myght yeve and assigne to the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons, and to ther successours, into help of the susteynyng of a Chapelayne to synge for ever masse in the worship of our lady in the chirch of more Tywe. And he graunted to the same abbesse and Couente that they myght resceive and hold, to them and to there successours, the forsaid mese with the pertynentis of the forsaide * Edmond for euer, as hit is I-said afore. Also by the tenoure of this present writynge he yaf speciall licence, not willyng that the forsaid Edmond or his heires or the forsaid abbesse and mynchons and ther successours by the reason or cause of the statute aforsaid shold be occasioned or greved in ony thyng therof by hym or by his heires, Savyng nathelesse to hym, and to other, seruycis therof dewe and I-wonyd. In-to witnesse of the which thynge he made to be made these his lettres patentis, hym-self beyng witnesse, atte Towre of London, the xvj. day of Iule, the xix. yere of his reigne.

allowing Edmund Mabanck to confer on Godstow a messuage in Fleet Street, to endow a chantry at Great Tew, Oxfordshire.

* leaf 192.

* Exchequer MS. leaf ii, back. 1325, July 25.

[247. *** Licence by Roger (de Martival), bishop of Salisbury (1315–30), as feudal superior, to Edmund Maubanck.**

Licence in mortmain by the bishop of

LICENCE by Roger, bishop of Sarum, allowing Edmund Maubanck to feoff Godstow in a messuage in Fletestrete,

which is of the fee of his see, and empowering Godstow to receive the same. Given at Sonnyng, on Thursday, the feast of St. James the Apostle, 19 Edward II.]

Salisbury, to Edmund Mabanck, for the same purpose.

[248. * Grant by Edmund Maubanck to Margery Dyne, abbess, and the Convent of Godstow.

* Exchequer MS. leaf ii. 1325, Sept. 7. Grant to Godstow, by Edmund Mabanck, of a messuage in Fleet Street to endow a chantry at Great Tew, subject to a life-rent-charge of £4 13*s.* 4*d.*

4 Edmund Maubanck grants Godstow his messuage in Flete-
stret in the suburb of London, between the messuage of Walter
atte sloo next the door of the bishop of Sarum and the messuage
of John Wolfeld, to provide a chaplain to celebrate in the church
8 of Great Tew, and to pay to himself a pension of 7 marcs
yearly for his life-term. Sept. 7, 19 Edward II.

Witnesses:—Hamo de Chigewell, mayor of London; and John of Causton and Quinton (?) of Folesham, sheriffs.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow still owned (*Monast.* iv. 375) a house in St. Bride's parish which was let for £2 to the churchwardens of that parish.]

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

[NOTE.—Godstow's interest in this county came from a grant at the foundation (no. 4) in 113⅝, at Halso or Halse, and was increased by rent-charges in Brackley before Henry II's third charter (no. 886) in 1182. Further purchases were made at Brackley and Evenley early in the thirteenth century. In pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291, Godstow was reckoned to have land in Halso and Brackley worth £3 18*s.* 6*d.*, and tithes to the value of £3 9*s.* 8*d.* In 1540, at the dissolution (*Monast.* iv. 376), there is no mention of Brackley or of Evenley, and Godstow is set down as receiving out of 'Halse manor (late lord Lovell, now lord Derby)' only £2. The rent-charge of £5 (at Bozeat) was, in 1540, still paid to Godstow by St. James's Abbey, Northampton.]

[BOZEAT.]

* leaf 210. 1222, Sept.

[249.] *A Charter of Raaf Harange I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe confermyng to hem all the lond that he had in the towne of Bosegate.

Grant to Godstow, by Ralph Harange, a justiciary under king John,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Harange, yaf, graunted, and by his p*re*sent chart*er* confermed, to god and to our lady Seynt Marie and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god, for the helthe of his 4 lordis soule kyng henry son*e* of kyng Iohn, and for the helthe of his owne soule and of Isabelle his wyf, and for the soule of his lord kyng Iohn, and for the soules of all his auncetours,

with consent of his son Ralph, a cleric, of a messuage, vineyard, dove-house, lands and manorial rights over freeholds and over bondmen tenants,

and for the helthe of Raaf his sone and heire and Alice his wyf, 8 and for the helthe of all his heires, with the consent of the same Raaf his sone and heire, all his lond which he had in the towne of Bosegate of the yifte of Robert Bluet, that is for to sey, a Chief mesuage, a vyne-yerde, a gardeyn*e*, a Culuerhous, and 12 v. yerdis of lond, with all the p*er*tynentis, that is to sey, with homagis and service of william the sone of Raaf of Bosegate, and w*ith* all the bondmen of the same lond holdyng and w*ith* all their sequele: To have and to holde, to the forsaid 16 Mynchons, of hym and of his heires, in fre pure and p*er*petuel almes, with londis, medis, lesues, and pastures, with wodes and

all other thyngis, vnto the forsaid lond perteynyng, yeldyng therof yerly a pound of pepir, and to do all maner of services as moche as perteyneth to the forsaid lond, for which pounde of pepir and foreyne service the same mynchons shall acquyte hym and his heires ayenst the chief lordes, which forsaid lond, as it is aforsaid, with all his pertynentis, he yaf and assigned specially vnto a pytaunce of the same mynchons in help of susteynyng of ther kechyn. And the forsaid Raaf Harange and his heires, all the forsaid lond, *with* all the pertynentis, to the forsaid mynchons, ayenst all maner of peple shal warantize. And that this his yifte shold stond stable, to this present *writyng he hath sette to his seale. All this was done in the yere of grace a thousand two hundred and xxij., in the moneth of Septembre, in the presence of kyng henry at wodestok. Thise beyng witnesse: Martyne of Pateshull, Stephyne of Segrave, Thomas of Heyden, Robert of Laxanton, Raaf of Troublevyle, Iohn Russell, Adam of Stawell, Stephyne of Fretewell, Piers Talemasch, Raaf Harange, Clerk, Richard of Lega, Hugh Lupo, and many other.

quit-rent, 1 lb. of pepper,

to be a pittance in the kitchen of Godstow.

* leaf 219, back.

[250.] A-nother charter of the same Raaf.

1222, Sept.

Modification of no. 249. Grant to Godstow, by Ralph Harange, of a rent-charge of £5 yearly, on the lands described in no. 249, the ownership of which is now given to St. James's Abbey, Northampton,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Harange yaf, gravnted, and by his present charter confermed, to god and to oure Lady Seynt Marie and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons ther servyng god, for the helth of his lord kyng Henry sone of kyng Iohn, and for the helth of his owne soule and of Isabell his wyf, and for the helth of Raaf his sone and heire and Alice his wyf, and for the helth of all his children, and for the soule of Iordan his sone and for the soules of Iohane and Agneis his doughtirs and for the soules of all theire children, and for the soules of all his predecessours and successours, and also with the wille and consent of the same Raaf his sone and heire, All the lond the which he had in the towne of Bosegate of the yifte of Robert Bloette, that is for to sey, his chief Mesuage, a vyneyerd, a gardyne, a culverhous, and v. yerdes lond, with all his pertynentis, that is to sey, *with* homagis and service of william the sone of Raaf of Bosegate, and with all bonde tenauntis of the same lond *with* all theire

sequeles: To have and to hold, to the same mynchons, of hym and his heires, in fre and pure perpetuel almes, with londis, medis, lesues, and pastures, with wodes, and all other thyngis to the forsaid londis perteynyng, yeldyng therof yerly vnto the heires of Robert Bluett a pound of pepir for al maner services, Savyng foreyne seruyce perteynyng to so moche lond. This forsaid lond, as hit is aforseid, with all his pertynentis, he yaf and assigned hit specially vnto a pitaunce of the same mynchons into help of the susteynyng of theire kechyn. Of whiche lond * the forseid mynchons shall take yerely of the Chanons of Seynt Iames of Northamptoñ an hundred shillyngis, which I wolle it be as I assigne hit, that is to sey, every weke fro the sonday of quinquagesime vnto Estir day, xiiij. *shillings* vnto theire forseid pitance to be ordeyned; and ij. *shillings* of the residue of the forsaid hundred shillyngis I assigne specially to the pitance of the sike mynchons. And the forsaid Raaf Harange and his heires, all the forsaid lond, with all the pertynentis, to the forsaid mynchons, ayenst all maner of peple did warantize. And that this his yifte shold abide sure, to this present writyng he put to his seale. These beyng witnesse: Martyne of Pateshulle, Stephyne of Segrave, Thomas of Heydeñ, Robert of Laxyntoñ, Raaf of Trublevill, Iohn Russell, Adam of Stawel, Stephyne of Fretewelle, Piers Talemasche, Raaf Harange, Clerk, Richard of Lega, Hugh Lupo, and many other. All this was done in the yere of grace a thousand two hundred xxij., in the monethe of Septembre, in presence of kyng henry at wodestok.

but subject to a rent-charge to provide at Godstow

* leaf 211.

a pittance in the kitchen of 14*s.* in each of the seven weeks of Quinquagesima and Lent, and a pittance of 2*s.* for the infirmary.

1222, Sept.

[251.] A Confirmacion of Raaf, the sone and heire of the seid Raaf.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Ralph Harange junior, of his father's gift of the rent-charge, as in no. 250.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Harange the sone of Raaf Harange, yaf, graunted, and by his present charter confermed, the yifte the whiche the forsaid Raaf his fadir made to god and to our lady seynt Marie and to seynt Iohn Baptist and mynchons of Godestowe, of an yerely rent of an hundred shillyngis, which rent he assigned vnto the sustentacioñ of the kechyn of the forsaid mynchons: To hold, to the forseid mynchons for evermore, as the charter of the forsaid Raaf his

fadir which they have therof sheweth and berith witnesse. Thise beyng witnesse: Raaf Troublevyle, Iohn Russell the kyngis Seneschall, Adam of Stanwell dispensare of[1] ser Guarmo the
4 kyngis Chapeleyne, william de Fychecot, Symond of hynton, Stephyne of Fretewell, Piers Talamassh, Iohn Chapelayne, and many other.

[252.] *A Charter of Felice Abbesse of Godestowe I-made to the Abbot of Seynt Iames of Northampton. *leaf 211, back. 1222, Sept.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Felice, Abbesse of
8 Godestowe, and the Covent of the same place, yaf, graunted, and by theire present Charter confermed, to god and to our lady seynt marie and to the chirch of seynt Iames of Northampton and to the Chanons ther servyng god, all theire lond of
12 Bosegate of the fee of Robert Bluet which they had in the same towne of the yifte of ser Raaf Harang, that is for to sey, a chief messuage and a gardeyne and a vyneyerd, a Culuer-house, and v. yerdis of lond, with the pertynentis, that is to sey, with
16 homage and service of william the sone of Raaf of Bosegate, and with all the bonde-holders of the same lond with all theire sequelis: To have and to hold, to the forsaid Chanons for evermore, with londis, medis, lesues, pastures, wodis, and all other
20 thyngis vnto the same lond perteynyng, of theyme and their successours, yeldyng thereof yerely to theyme at seynt Iames of Northampton an hundred shillyngis of sterlyngis at twey termes in the yere, that is to sey, the Sonday of Sexagesime
24 fyfty shillyngis, and on Midel lenton Sonday fyfty shillyngs, Also yeldyng a pounde of pepir, And to do all foreyne service asmoche as perteyneth to that lond, and ayenst the chief lordes. Be hit knowe that yf the said Chanons pay not the forsaid
28 money within viij. dayes after the termes afore rehersed, than it shall be lefull to hem to distreyne the same chanons vpon all that lond, by all theire catall that may be founde, vnto the payment and also to the costis in the defaute thereof. And they
32 and theire successours, to the forsaid Chanons and theire successours, the same lond, *with all his pertynentis, warantized. And yf so be, that by their defaute, or by their warantizyng, that they lese any part of the forseid lond, than, by the con-

Grant by Godstow, to St. James's Abbey, Northampton,

of no. 249,

subject to the rent-charge as in no. 250, to be paid in time of Lent.

Powers of distraint.

*leaf 212. Proportionate reduction

[1] Something is lost. Not in Latin copy.

in rent-charge, if warranty is insufficient.

sideracion of lawfull men, aftir the rate hit shall be abated out of the seid ferme of an hundred shillyngis. And to the more surenesse, this charter is made endented, and to the parte that remayneth with the said Chanons the seid mynchons have put 4 to theire seale, And to the parte that remayneth with the said mynchons the said Abbot and Covent hath put to her seale. Thise beyng witnesse: Martyne of Patteshulle, Raaf Harange, Stephyne of Segrave, Thomas of heyden, and many other. 8

* leaf 211. About 1250 ?

[253.] * A relese of the Abbot of seynt Iames of Northampton I-made to Raaf harange of a vyneyerd in Bosegate.

Sale to Ralph Harange, * leaf 211, back. by St. James's Abbey, Northampton, of the vineyard included in nos. 249, 250, but without affecting the rent-charge to Godstow. Purchase money, £2 13s. 4d.

THE sentence of this relese is, that Adam[1], abbot of seynt Iames of Northampton, and the Covent of the same place, relesed and * quyteclaymed, to ser Raaf Harang and to his heires, a vyneyerd in Bosegate, which somtyme they held to- 12 gedir with other londes of the Abbesse and Covent of Godestowe, yeldyng neverthelesse theire full yerely ferme of the residue of the forseid londes to the forsaid Abbesse and Covent of Godestow, that is to sey, an hundred shillyngis, as it is con- 16 teyned in theire pryncipall Charter. And for this relesse and quyteclayme, the forsaid Raaf yaf to hem foure marke of siluer. Thise beyng witnesse: ser henry, parson of Torent, ser Bernard, Chapeleyne of Godestowe, Raaf of seynt Germayne, and many 20 other.

* leaf 212. 1329, Oct. 20.

[254.] * A contraversy was meved bitwene the forsaid Abbot of seynt Iames of Northampton and the Abbesse of Godestowe.

[Luke = Oct. 18.]

THE sentence of this stryf is, that the fryday next aftir the fest of seynt luke the Euangelist, the yere of the reigne of kynge Edward the thirde fro the conquest the thirde, ther was 24 a strif and a discorde bitwene Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, playntyf, of that one partie, and Nicholas, Abbot of seynt Iames without Northampton, on that other partie, began as for the arreragis of an yerely rent of an hundred shillyngis yerely, 28 owyng vnto the seid Abbesse of dyuerse tenementis of the same Abbottis in Bosegate, in this forme here after thei were

Quit-claim by Godstow

of a claim for arrears of rent-charge as in no. 250,

[1] Adam was abbot 1241 to 1265.

accordeꝯ: That is for to sey, that the forseiꝯ Abbesse, for her and her successours, yaf, relesed, and all wey quyteclaymeꝯ, to the forseiꝯ abbot and to his successours al maner of arreragis of
4 rent I-axeꝯ or to be axeꝯ, and also all other accions of dette or of ony other thyng fro the begynnyng of the worldꝯ vnto the day of the makyng of this endenture, And the forseiꝯ abbot knowlechꝯ hym-self to be bounden, to the seiꝯ Abbesse and to
8 her successours, in an hundredꝯ shillyngis of yerly rent, to be paiꝯ to theym or to there certeyne attorney at twayne termes in the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of Sexagesyme fyfty shillyngis, and at the myddel of lente fyfty shillyngis. And to
12 the more sikernesse of the forsaiꝯ yerely rent, wele and truly to the forsaiꝯ Abbesse and to her successours or to theire attorney at the forsaiꝯ termes to be paiꝯ, The forsaiꝯ Abbot for hym and his successours bounden all the[r] londes and tenementis
16 in Bosegate to the distreynyng of the same rent; That is for to sey, yf so be that the forsaiꝯ rent be behynde at any of * the seiꝯ termes in partie or in all, that than hit shall be lefull to the forseiꝯ Abbesse and to her successours in all the londis and
20 tenementis aforsaiꝯ to distreyne, and the distresses to with-holdꝯ vnto the tyme that they, or theire attorney, of all the arreragis of the forsaiꝯ rent thei be fully satisfieꝯ. To the which forsaiꝯ couenaunt to be ratifieꝯ in truly, in the forme aforseiꝯ, a this
24 half the day of seynt Hugh the bisshop, now next comyng after the date of this present writyng, to be fulfilleꝯ and kept, the parties aforenameꝯ to thise present endentures everich of hem to others have sette to theire seales.

and promise by St. James's Abbey, Northampton, to pay said rent-charge regularly in future, in Lent,

and grant of powers of distraint.

* leaf 212, back.

[St. Hugh = Nov. 17.]

[255.] A Composicion I-made bitwene the Abbot of Seynt Iames of Northampton and the Abbesse of Godestowe, & *cetera*.

1329, Nov. 6.

28 THE sentence of this composicion is, that Nicholas, by the grace of godꝯ Abbot of Seynt Iames next Northampton, and þe Covent of the same place, Sendith gretyng in our lordꝯ godꝯ. Be hit knowen that where we hadꝯ and heldꝯ a chief mesuage,
32 with Curtilagis, vyneyerdis, gardynes, Culuerhous, to-gedir with v. yerdis of arable londꝯ, medis, wodes, and pastures, and with other pertynentis, to-gedir with homagis, wardis, relefis,

Obligation to Godstow, by St. James's Abbey, Northampton, in accordance with the agreement in no. 254,

Eschetis, and seruyces of fre tenantis and of bondmen and her bodyes with their sequelis of the same tenement holdyng, in Bosegate, of the yifte and feffement of dame Felice, somtyme abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the same place, to them and to there successours for evermore, yeldyng therof yerely to the same Abbesse and Covent of Godestow an hundred shillyngis of sterlyngis at two termes in the yere in the Abbey of seynt Iames before remembred, that is to sey, the Sonday of Sexagesyme fyfty shillyngis, and on mydlent Sonday fyfty shillyngis, for all seculer seruyce and demaunde. They wolle and graunte, and by this present writyng byndith hem, and all their successours, and also all theire maner of Bosegate, to the forseid abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and to her successours, in the forseid hundred shillyngis in the termes and place beforeseid wele and truly to be paid, without ony lenger delay or tariyng. And yf they pay not, and ony of the termes be past, anon hit shal be leful to þe * same Abbesse and Couent, and to ther successours, or to ther procurator, bothe in the forsaid tenementis which of hem they held as it is aforseid, and also in all the residue of their maner of Bosegate, over all and in every parcell, to distreyne aftir their owne wil, without ony withseiyng of them or ther successours, And tho distresses to kepe vnto tyme of the rent aforseid they be fully contente and paid, with costis and damagis that thei toke in the tariyng of the payment therof. And for this recognycion, graunte, and obligacion, the said Abbesse and Covent of Godestow relesed to hem all the arreragis of the same rente that was at ony tyme behynd vnto the day of the makyng of this present writyng. In witnesse of which thyng, to thise present writyng endented eche of hem have sette her seles to other. Thise beyng witnesse: Ewstace of Burneby, william of Seymour, william of Bruton, Geffrey of Bray, william of waydour, william of Tyeken, Thomas of seynt Hillary, and other. The date is in the abbey of Seynt Iames next Northampton, the monday next aftir the fest of Alhalowen, the yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde aftir the conquest the thirde.

to pay £5 rent yearly,

* leaf 213.

with powers to distrain for it upon Bozeat manor.

[BRACKLEY: see also in no. 269 in Halso.]

[256.] * A chartur of Siluest*er* of brackeley of an hows.

*leaf XVI or 28, back. About 1200. Sale to Silvester, merchant of Brackley, by St. John's Hospital, Brackley, of a house, with market-rights. [Three terms in a year.]

THE sentence of þys chartur is, þ*at* frere aleyne, p*ro*curatur of þe hospital of sey*n*t Iohn of brackeley, & þe brethyrne of þe same place, gafe & grauntyde, & confermyde w*ith* her wrytynge, to syluest*er*, Marchaunt, of brackeley, the hows þe [whyche] was of Gaufryde fitz petur, þ*at* is to sey, þe hows þ*at* is sette bytwene þe hows of salomon chapeleyn & þe hows of Rog*er* Skynn*er*, to be holde to fee-ferme of hem for euyr, to hym & to hys heyrys, frely & quietly, paynge þere of yerly v. s*hillings* for all seruice þ*at* longed to hem, at thre termys by þe yere, þ*at* is to sey, at Myhelmasse, xx. d.; at candellmasse, xx. d.; & at wytsontyde, xx. d. They acquityd þe fore-seyde burgage a-geynyste þe erle[1] of þe ferme of þe fore-seyde hows, þ*at* is to sey, of ix. d. by þe yere; and þe foreseyde siluest*er* & hys heyrys sholde answere to þe erle & to hys baylyfs of all o*þer* customys: & for thys gefynge & g*ra*untynge the fore-seyde syluest*er* gafe to hem xxv. s*hillings* in warisune: & they warantizyd þe fore-seyde hows, w*ith* the p*er*tinence*s*, aftur þe liberte of byinge & of syllynge in þe cowrte of the erle in þe town of brackeley, to þe foreseyd syluest*er* & to hys heyrys a-geynyste all men & is w*ith*-out date.

Purchase money, £1 5s. [Liberty of buying and selling.]

[257.] * Chartur of siluest*er* of brackeley of all hys tenemente*s* in brackeley.

* leaf XV or 27, back. About 1210. * leaf XVI or 28. Grant to Godstow, by Silvester of Brackley, of three houses,

* THE sentence of thys chartur is þ*at* siluest*er* of brackeley gafe, grauntyd, & co*n*fermyd w*ith* hys wrytynge, to god & to our lady seynt Marye & to þe churche of sey*n*t Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to the mynchons þ*er*e seruynge god, in-to pur & p*er*petuel almys, for hys sowle helthe & of hys wyfe & auncetours & successours, alle hys tenemente*s* in þe town of brackeley, þ*at* is to sey, þ*at* hows w*ith* þe p*er*tinence*s* þe whych he bowhte of william fitz Osebert, Merchaunte; & þ*at* hows w*ith* þe p*er*tinence*s* þ*at* he bowht of þe heyrys of Ernalde throtebolle; & þ*at* hows w*ith* þe p*er*tinence*s* þ*at* he helde of þe

[1] Robert (fitz-Parnell), earl of Leicester, 1190–1204.

[Brackley Hospital.]

brethyrn of þe hospital of þe holy apostels Iamys & Iohn of brackeley; to be had & to be holde, welle & in pece, frely & quietly for euer, paynge yerly to þe lorde Seer of quincy, erle of Wynchester, ix. d̃, for þe hows þat he bowht of william throtebolle, þat is to sey, iij. d̃ at þe feste of seynt Myhell̃, & iij. d̃ at candelmasse, & iij. d̃ at Mydsomer; Also to þe same erle, vj. d̃. for þe hows þat he bowht of william fitz Osbert, Marchaunt, at the foreseyde termys; Also, for þe hows þat he helde of þe breþeryn of þe hospital of brackeley, v. *shillings*, to be payde to þe same brethyrn at þe foreseyde termys: & þat hys gyfte sholde a-byde sure & stable, he confirmyd̃ thys wrytynge with þe puttynge to of hys seele; & is with-out date.

[Saier de Quincy, earl of Winchester, 1207–19.] subject to quit-rents of 9*d.*, 6*d.*, 5*s.* [i. e. no. 256.] [Three terms in a year.]

About 1210.

[258.] An obligacion of Thomas turri of brackeley of xij. *shillings* of yerly rent for the londe of yuenley[1].

Obligation to Godstow, by Thomas Turry, by which he submitted his property in Brackley to distraint in order to secure to Godstow due payment of 12*s.* rent-charge.

THE sentence of thys obligacion is, þat Thomas turry of brackeley bownde all̃ hys tenauntrye in þe town̄ of brackeley þe whych Robert abraham sumtyme helde, in þe same town also þe same tenement þat walter dyer sumtyme helde, to þe abbas and couent of Godestowe or to her̃ baylyfs, to dystreyne hym & hys heyrys or hys assynys, for xij. *shillings* of yerly rent, in þe whych he was bounde to hem for þe foreseyde tenement, yf þey sesyd̃ fro þe payment of þe seyde rent in ony terme tylle þe foreseyde rent be fully payd̃. In whoos wytnes he lete make hys patent letters to þe seyde abbas and couent & to her̃ successours: & is with-out date.

About 1210.

[259.] The chartur of Iohn fitz allote smyth of Stene of an hows in brackeley.

[Steane.] Grant to Godstow, by John, son of Allote, of a house in Castle street,

THE sentence of thys charter is þat Iohn fitz allote smyth of Stene gaf & grauntyd̃, & confermyd with hys wrytynge, to god & to our̃ lady seynt marye & to seynt Iohn baptiste & to the abbas of Godestowe & to þe mynchons þere seruynge god, in-to pur fre & perpetuel almys, hys hows in brackeley whyche ys sette in þe castelle strete, by-twene þe hows of Roger blake & þe hows of Ranulph swayn, to be holde & to be had, frely &

[1] Perhaps in error for 'Brackeley.' The Evenley documents show no 12*s.* rent-charge.

quietly, to þe foreseyde abbas & to þe mynchons of Godestowe, in-to pur & perpetuel almys, for the helþe of hys sowle & for þe sowlys of hys auncet*ur*s, paynge þe*r*of by yere to þe erle, iij. d': and þe foreseyde Iohn & hys heyrys warantized & defended þe fore-seyde hows w*ith* þe pe*r*tinence*s* to þe foreseyde abbas & mynchons a-geynyst all men & women, bothe fro all man*er* exaccions & also fro all seculer demaundys: and þa*t* hys gyft & graunt & confirmacion sholde be ferme & stable for euyr, he made hyt stronge by puttynge to of hys seele: & [is] w*ith*-out date.

quit-rent to the overlord, 3*d*.

[260.] Chartur of Seher quincy erle of wynchest*er* of j. marke of siluyr.

About 1210.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, þa*t* seher quincy, erle of wynchest*er*, for the loue of charite, g*r*auntyd, & confirmyd w*ith* hys wrytynge, to god & to seynt Ion baptiste of Godestowe & to þe mynchons þer seruynge god, j. marke of silu*er* þe whyche they were wonyde to receyue of þe yelde halle of brackeley, of the gyft of Robert, erle of leycet*ur*[1], to be receyuyd by þe hondys of þe p*ri*or & of þe bretherne of þe hospitall of brackeley, namely, of a mylle þa*t* þey heldyn in þe same town of hym to a fee-ferme: & þa*t* hys graunt & confirmacion sholde be sure * for euyr to þe fore-seyde hows & to þe mynchons of þe same place, he strengthed hyt w*ith* þe puttynge to of hys seele: & is wyth-out date.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Saier (de Quincey), earl of Winchester, of a rent-charge of 13*s*. 4*d*. given by Robert (de Beaumont) earl of Leicester, out of Hospital mill.

* leaf XVI or 28, back.

[261.] The chartur of dame aliz Georgys I-made to william Cotisforde of a mansion and a gardyne.

* leaf XVII or 29. 130½, March 18.

THE sentence of þys euydens is, þa*t* dame aliz Georgys, abbas of Godestowe, & þe couent of þe same place, w*ith* on assent & consent, lete & toke to william Cotisforde & to Iohne hys wyfe & to Ric*hard* hys sone, to all þe t*er*me of her lyfe, a mansion w*ith* a gardyne, lyynge in þe town of brackeley, w*ith* all hys pe*r*tinence*s*, þe whyche mansion is sette by-twene þe tenement of þe foreseyde willia*m* & þe tenement of þe p*ri*ory of Eynho[2], to be had & to be holde (all þe foreseyde mansion w*ith* all

Grant of lease for three lives, by Godstow, to William of Cottisford, his wife, and son, of a house and garden,

[1] The four de Beaumont earls of Leicester were all Robert. The gift was about 1167 by the wife of the second earl: see no. 269. [2] Aynho.

hys pertinences afore-seyde) to willam Cotisforde, Iohne hys wyfe, & to william hys sone, frely, quietly, welle & in pece, holly & worshypfully, as longe as þey lyvyn, paynge þerof yerly, þe foreseyde william, Iohne, & william, to all the terme of her lyfe, to þe foreseyde abbas & couent of þe fore-seyde place iiij. shillings of syluyr at iij. termys of þe yere, þat is to sey, at candelmas, xvj. d.; at trinite soneday, xvj. d.; & at Mihelmas, xvj. d., for all seculer seruice, exaccion, & demaunde: & þe seyde abbas & couent a-foreseyde sholde warantiȝe acquite & defende all þe foreseyde mansyon with all hys pertinences to william Iohne & william to the terme of her lyfe a-geynyst all pepuls: & aftur þe deceasse of þe foreseyde william Iohne & william all þe foreseyde mansyon with hys pertinences shulde turne holly & fully a-geyne to þe foreseyde abbas & couent, with-out ony a-geynyst-seynge of hem or ony of her part: & yf hyt happyn hem, so þat god forbede, to fayle in her payment, in parte or in all, in ony terme I-ordeynyd, þey willid & grauntyd þat þe foreseyde abbas & couent or her baylyfs sholde entre her tenementes to distreyne & to holde her distresse til þat hyt were satisfiede to þe foreseyde abbas & couent for all þynges. For þys takynge & letynge to ferme for termys of her lyfe, they to hem by-fore handys payde vij. shillings of syluer: & þat þys couenaunt, takynge & letynge, warantiȝynge & acquitynge sholde byde sure & stable thorowe all þe foreseyde tyme, þey set to her seeles to þys present wrytynge endentyd, euerych a-geynyst oþer, þe date at Godestowe, þe soneday next aftur þe fest of seynt gregori pope, þe xxx. yere of þe reyne of kynge Edwarde.

quit-rent, 4*s*. [Three terms in a year.]

Power of distraint.

Purchase-money, 7*s*.

[Gregory = March 12.]

* leaf XVI or 28, back. 1309, Sept. 21. Quit-claim to Godstow, by John and Agnes Hawardyne, of all title in a Godstow tenement.

[262.] *Chartur of Iohn hawardyne of brackeley.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, þat Iohn hawardyn of brackeley, & agnes þe dowhter of Iohn marsehall þe wyfe of þe seyde Iohn, relesyde & claymyd vtturly to be quiet for euyr, for hym & heyrys of hym or his assinis, in-to pure & perpetuell almys, with-out ony withholdyng, to Molde vpton, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place, all hys ryht & clayme þat he had or myht haue in ony maner in all þat tenement with all hys pertinences ouer all, þe whyche tenement is sette in brackeley by-twene þe tenement of Roger fitz adam

goer of þe on p*ar*tye & þe tenement of the same Rog*er* of þe oþ*er* p*ar*t, þe whyche tenement in a tyme þe fore-seyde agnes, whyle she was sole, yeldyd & relesyd to mabyle wafre at þ*a*t tyme
4 abbas of Godestowe & to þe couent of þe same place, & claymyd hyt to be in rest vtturly for euyr, in-to fre pur̃ & p*er*petuel almys, to þe same abbas & couent, by hyr wrytynge, w*it*h-out ony w*it*h-holdynge of hyr or hyr heyrys or assynys, so þ*a*t noþ*er*
8 she, ne none of hyr heyrys or assynys, ne no man in her name, neuyr afturwarde myht aske or chalenge ony thynge in the fore-seyde tenement or place w*it*h hys p*er*tinenc*es*: and þe foreseyde Iohn hawardyn & agnes hys wyfe & heyrys warantiȝid
12 aquitid̃ & defendyd for euyr all̃ þ*a*t tenement, wythe all̃ hys p*er*tinenc*es* in all̃ plac*es*, to þe fore-seyde abbas & couent a-geynyste all̃ pepuls. In-to wytnys of þys quiet-claymynge, they sette to her̃ seelys, the date at Oxenforde in Maudeleyne
16 churche, þe soneday in þe fest of seynt Mathew þe apostele, þe iij. yere of þe reyne of kynge Edwarde þe sone of kynge Edwarde.

[S. Mary Magdalene Church, Oxford.]

[263.] Chartur of a mese sette out to ferme for iiij. *s*hillings.

1329, July 20.

Grant of lease for three lives by Godstow, to John of well, his wife, and son,

THE sentence of thys chartur is, þ*a*t þe thursday in þe fest of
20 seynt Margarete virgin, þe iij. yere of the reyne of kynge Edwarde the thyrde fro þe conquest, a conuencion was made by-twene dame Mariorye dyne, abbas of Godestowe, & the couent of the same place of þ*a*t on p*ar*ty, & Iohn of welle of
24 brackeley, Iohne hys wyfe, Ric*hard* þe sone of þe same Iohn & Iohne, of þ*a*t oþ*er* p*ar*ty, þ*a*t is to sey, þ*a*t þe foreseyde abbas & couent, for hem selfe & her̃ successours, gafe & grauntyd̃ to þe same Iohn, Iohne, & Ric*hard* j. mese in brackeley,
28 þe mese is sette nyhe þe hows of þe seyde Iohn of þe norþe party & þe hows of þe maystur of þe hospitall̃ of aynho of þe sowþe p*ar*ty, to be had & to be holde þe foreseyde mese w*it*h hys p*er*tinenc*es* to þe foreseyde Iohn Iohne & Richard̃ * and to her
32 assynys to þe t*er*me of her̃ lyfe [or] of oþ*er* of hem lenger lyuynge, paynge þ*er*of yerly to þe foreseyde abbas & to þe couent & to her successours, iiij. *s*hillings of sterlyng*es* at thre t*er*mys of þe yere, þ*a*t is to sey, at þe fest of seynt Myhell̃, wytsonetyd̃, &

of a messuage, as in no. 261,

* leaf XVII or 29.

quit-rent 4*s*.

candelmas, by euyn porcions: & yf þe foreseyde rent of iiij. *shillings* be by-hynde in ony *ter*me a-fore-seyde, in part or in all, þat þenne hyt sholde be lefull to þe foreseyde abbas & couent

Power of distraint.

þat they may, by her baylyfs, in þe foreseyde mese, as well 4 w*ith*-in as wyth-out, distreyne & reteyne þe distresses tyll þat they be satisfied fully of þe rent a-foreseyde & þe foreseyde

Obligation to keep in repair.

Iohn, Iohne, & Richard shulde susteyne þe howses of þe seyde mese w*ith* her own costys: & þe foreseyde abbas & couent & her 8 success*ours* sholde warantiȝe acquite & defende þe fore-seyde mese w*ith* hys p*er*tinenc*es* to þe fore-seyd Iohn, Iohne, & Ric*hard*, & to her assynys, to þe ende of þe lyf of boþe of hem or of þe oþ*er* lenger lyvynge, a-geynyst all men þat byn dedly, 12 by þe seruic*es* afore-seyde: in-to wytnes of þe whyche þynge þe seelys of þe seyde p*ar*ties were hangyd, to eu*er*ych a-geynyst oþ*er*, to þe wrytynge endentyd þ*er*-of: þe date at Godestowe, þe day & þe yere a-boue rehersyd. 16

[Evenley.]

* leaf XXXV or 45, back. About 1210.

[264.] * Anoþ*er* chartur of william foliot of Euinlei for j. acre of londe in þe felde of Euinlei.

Grant to Godstow, by William Foliot,

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat william foliot of Euinlei gafe, grauntid, & confirmid, to god & to our*e* ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons ther*e* seruinge

of an acre,

god, in-to pur & p*er*petuel almis, j. acre of his londe in þe weste 20

* leaf XXXVI or 46.

felde of Euinle, þe whiche is of þe fee * of þe Erle of winches*ter*, þat is to sei, þat londe þat lieth bitwene þe londe of Richard mace & buttith vppon þe hywei of cherleton; & j. oþ*er* acre þat

and of another acre.

buttith him-self vn-to þe pathe of hinton, þe whiche is of þe fee 24 of wahull, & lieth in necreferne[1] bitwene þe londe of hernold goer & þe londe of pers cheldeburi: to be had & to be holde, freli quietli well & in pece & worshipfulli fro all seculer exaccion & demaund: & þe fore-seid w. & his heiris warantiȝid 28 þe fore-seid ij. acris to þe fore-seide minchons ageiniste all men and women: & is w*ith*-oute date.

[1] Possibly *netreferne*, as in 201/27.

[265.] * here biginnith þe chartur of Rog*er* foliet fitz william of Euenlei for x. acris of londe in Euenlei.

* leaf XXXV or 45, back. About 1215.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*at* Rog*er* foliot fitz william of Euinlei gaf, grauntid, & confirmid to[1], þe howse[2] of his fadur william foliot, to god & to our*e* ladi & seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe abbas & to þe holi minchons þ*ere* seruinge god, in-to pur*e* & p*er*petuel almis, x. acris of londe in the towne of Euinlei, þ*at* is to sei, v. acris arable in þe Est felde, & v. acris in þe weste felde,

Grant to Godstow, by Roger Foliot, of ten acres,

oon of þe which is of þe fee of sir*e* seer*e*, erle of winchest*er*, & is vppo*n* purfurlonge, bitwene þe londe of Richard þe sone of mace of Brackelei & þe londe of Gilbert childeb*er*; an-oþ*er* is a-geiniste þe mille of cuttille, & buttiþe vppo*n* þe forow of þe p*r*ouoste at j. hede & vppon þe forow of Raph cart*er* at þe oþer hede; þe iij. acre is vppon þe fornecre, bitwene too halfe acris of þe foreseid Richarde þe sone of Mace; þe iiij. acre is vppon longe of þe fee of þe erle, and fallith in-to þe hiwei, & liethe bitwene þe londe of Richard mace & þe londe of Ric*hard* childeb*er*; þe v. acre is in micdelbroche, of þe fee of þe erle, & strecchith in-to a croft of Iohn craton; þe vj. & þe vij. acris bin at edwardisburielis, of þe fee of wahull, nih þe londe of Raph fitz walt*er* & þe londe of pers childeb*er*; þe viij. acre is vppon Gorbrode, of þe fee of þe erle, bitwene þe londe of Richard mace & þe londe of Gilbert of childeber, & in est p*er*te hit strecchith vppon þe forow of Raph walt*er*; & j. acre, þe whiche is of þe fee of þe erle of winchest*er*, þ*at* is to sei, þ*at* acre þ*at* lithe bitwene þe londe of Richard mace & buttith vppon þe wei of cherlton; & j. acre þ*at* buttith hit-selfe vnto the patthe of hynton, þe whiche is þe fee of wahull, & lieth in netreferne bitwene þe londe of hernolde Goer & þe londe of pers childeb*er*:

[Saier de Quincy, earl of Winchester, 1207–19.] [Cuttill.] including no. 264, [Charlton.] [Hinton-in-the-hedges.]

to be had & to be holde, of him & of his heiris, freli, pesibli, worshipfulli, & quietli for[3] all seruice: so þ*at* þe seid Roger foliot & his heiris warantizid to the fore-seide abbas of Godestowe & to þe holi minchons þ*ere* seruinge god þ*at* fre almis a-geiniste all men & women liuinge, bi his owne cost*es*, &

[1] Omit *to*.

[2] 'donun' (*sic*) in the Latin. The translator has wrongly read *domum*, instead of *donum*, i. e. *house*, when it should have been *gift*.

[3] Read 'from.'

acquitid' fro all exaccion & demaunde & fro all seruice owtewarde & inwarde for euir: also he grauntid' þe fore-seide abbas of Godestowe & to þe holi minchons þere seruinge god', with þe fore namid' acris, fedinge, & all oþer eisementes in weys, pathis, in waturis, in goinges oute, in pasturis, & all oþer places, & liberteis perteininge to so moni acris: & þat his graunt gifte & confirmacion shulde be sure & stable, he put to his seele: & is with-oute date.

with such pasture and other rights as went with them.

About 1215. Confirmation of 265.

[266.] Chartur of Robert[1] foliot of Euinlei, confirminge þe gifte of x. acres a-fore rehersid': & is þe same a-fore, worde for worde.

About 1215. Confirmation of 265.

[267.] Anoþer chartur of william[1] foliet, confirminge þe same, vndur þe forme I-wrete a-fore.

About 1215.

[268.] A chartur of elenor of euinlei sum-time þe wife of william foliot resininge iiij. d' of rente.

Grant to Godstow, by Eleanor, widow of William Foliot, of 4*d*. quit-rent [Widow's jointure.] over no. 265. [Assumption of Mary = Aug. 15; Annunciation, March 25.]

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat Elenore þe wife sum-time of w. foliot of Euinlei in fre widewhode, beinge aftur þe decese of w. foliot her husbonde, resinid & quiet-claimyd vtturli for hir for euir, to god & to our ladi & to þe house of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons þere seruinge god', for þe helþe of his soule & of her aunceturs & successours, iiij. d' of rente þe which clarice þat was sum-time þe wife of Siluester of brackelei paid' to hir yerli, þat is to sei, for þe iij. parte of þe x. acris of londe in þe felde of Euinlei, vndur þe name of dowri, þe whiche she was wonid' to receiue at to termis of þe yere, þat is to sei, at þe assumsion of oure ladi, ij. d'; & at þe annunciacion, ij. d': & þat hir resininge & quite-claiminge sholde be sure, she strengthid' hit with þe puttinge to of her seele: & is with-oute date.

[FARTHINGHO: see in nos. 269, 270, 275.]

[HALSO.]

* leaf XLVIII or 58. About 113⅔.

[269.] * Of ij. marke and an half yeve by the Erle of leycester.

Grant to Godstow, by Robert (Bossu), second earl of Lei-

THE sentence of this charter is þat Robert, Erle of leicetur, ȝaf & grauntid to the church of seynte Iohn of

[1] Possibly brother of Roger, of no. 265.

Godestowe, in-to perpetuel almys, the rente of two marke & a halfe in halshow. And amye[1], countesse, hys wyfe, ȝaf & grauntid to þe same place the rente of two marke, of þe which oon marke in brackley & anoþer iñ ferynghow, & þat with his concente; & oon plow-londe þat[2] he had þere, & þat þe men þat sew hit be quite fro eryng & harowyng, mowyng, sowyng, & heying. Where-fore he commaundid the foresayde churche to holde hit of hym & of his eyeris, well & in pece, frely & quitly, al so welle quietly & frely as euer he helde hit hym selfe. These beyng wytnys, Raph spenser, & mony oþer: & is with-owte date.

cester, 1118–68, of £1. 13*s.* 4*d.* rent-charges in Halso; and **About 1167,** grant to Godstow, by Amice, his countess, of 13*s.* 4*d.* in Brackley, and 13*s.* 4*d.* in Farthingho, and grant by himself of a yard-land [? in Halso], with exemption from labour on the demesne-land.

[270.] Robert, Erle of leycetер, graunted the same aforesaid.

About 1180.

THE sentence of this *confir*macion is, þat Robert, Erle of leicetur, þe sone of Robert, Erle, by the concent of pernel[3], Countesse, his wyfe, & of his eyeris, for þe sowlys of his fadur Robert & his modur Amye & for þe helth of his owñ sowle & of pernel his wyfe & of his aunceturs & successoures, grauntid & confermyd to þe mynchons of Godestowe a ȝyfte þat his fadur ȝaf to hem in halso & þe ȝyfte þat his modur ȝaf to hem in brackley & feryngho, as þe charter of his fadur þe which þey hauen wytnyssyth & confermyth to þem, in-to perpetuel almys to be holde: wherefore he wolde & commaundyd þat þe foresayde mynchons scholde haue & holde the foresayde ȝyftes of his fadur & modur welle & worschipfully, free & quyte fro alle seculer seruice, in-to pure & perpetuel almys, as þe charter of his fadur wytnyssenyd, in þe which is I-schewyd what his fadur & his modur ȝaf to them. [Wytnes:—] Pernell, his wyfe, wylliam[4] his sone, & oþer: & is with-owte date.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Robert (Blanchmains), third earl of Leicester, 1168–90, of no. 269.

[271.] * A Confirmacion of the Erle of Leycetер, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, confermyng the yifte þat his fadir yave to them in halso.

* leaf 155, back. **About 1180.**

THE sentence of this charter is, that fitz Robert, Erle of leycetер, willed to be know to all his men and frendes, that he,

Duplicate of 270.

[1] Amice Waher, daughter of Ralph, earl of Norfolk.
[2] MS. has 'þat þat.'
[3] Petronilla de Grentemesnil, of Hinkley.
[4] William (the leper) de Beaumont.

by the graunte of pernylle, countesse, his wyf, and of his heires, for the soulis of his fadir and modir, and for the helthe of his owne soule and of Pernylle, Countesse, his wyf, and of his Auncetours and successours, graunted, and confermed, to the 4 mynchons of Godestowe, the yifte that his fadir yaf to them in halso, and the yifte that his modir yaf to them in Brakley and in Fernyngho, as the charter of there fadir, the which they haue, witnessith and confermyth to them, in perpetuel almesse, to be 8 hold: Wherfor he willed and charged that the forsaide mynchons shold haue and hold the forseid yiftis of his fadir and of his modir, wele and worshipfully, fre and quyte fro all seculer seruyce, into pure and perpetuel almesse, 12 as the charter of his fadir witnessith, in the which hit is I-shewed what his fadir and modir yaf to them. These beyng, & *cetera.*

* leaf XLVIII or 58, back. About 1215. Exchange between Godstow and * leaf XLIX or 59. Saier de Quincy, earl of Winchester, of lands.

[272.] * A couenaunt of iij. acris and iij. rodis & an half.

THE sentence of this couenaunt I-maade by-tweñ saere 16 Quyncy, Erle of Wynchestur, & Iulian, abbesse of Godestow, & þe couent of þe same place, þat is to say, þat þe same saere ȝaf to þe fore * saide[1] Abbesse and covent iij. acres of lond and iij. Rodes and an half in the Feldes of halso, that is to sey, 20 iij. acres liyng in longefurlange vttermost toward the lond of the towne men, And iij. Rodes and an half of lond in thunfurlange next the sike mennys acre of Brakley[2], to be hold and in pease to be possessed, in-to pure and perpetuel almesse, vnto 24 eschaunge of iij. acres of lond the which the forsaid Abbesse and Covent yaf to the fore-named Saere Quency and to his heires of her crofte and half[3], for ever to be hold, as they ben departed by markes. And into the confirmacion of this chaunge 28 the parties of this convencion of this pagent[4] afore put to theire seales. Thise beyng witnesse, & *cetera.*

[1] A different hand begins on leaf 59. In the MS. the ý is no longer dotted, nor the headlines marked with ¶.

[2] i. e. Brackley Hospital.

[3] For *and half* read *in Halso.* The Latin is: 'de crofto suo in Halso in perpetuum tenendis.'

[4] Latin 'pagina.'

[273.] * A quyte-clayme of Raynold of halso of j. yerd lond.

* leaf XLVIII or 58. About 1220. Grant to Godstow, by Reginald of Halso, of a yard-land.

THE sentence of this *confir*macion is, *þat* Reynolde of halso, in the wey of charite & for his sowle & of his aunceturs, ȝaf & *with* his chart*er* *con*fermyd to god &c. a ȝerde of londe *in* halso, oon, *þat* is to say, of them þat sche[1] helde in þe tyme of the wydewhode of here[1] modur moolde, *with* alle *per*tinenc*es* & aysem*entes*, to be had & to be holde of hym & of his eyeris for eu*er*, in-to pur*e* & *per*petuel almys, free & quyte fro alle seruice & exaccion & demaunde. And he & his eyeris scholde maynteyne & warentiȝe to þe foresayde mynchons the foresayde londe ou*er* alle & agaynste alle men, & acquite them of alle man*er* seculer seruice. And *þat* his ȝyfte myȝht be stable & sure, he put to his seele to this wrytyng: These beyng wytnys: & is *with*-owte date.

[274.] Of the same yerd lond. About 1220.

Confirmation to Godstow, * leaf XLVIII or 58, back. by Margaret, countess of Winchester, as feudal superior, of no. 273.

THE sentence of this con*fir*macion is, [Margaret[2]] cowntesse of wynchest*ur*, beyng *in* her*e* owñ lawfulle power & wydewhode, ȝaf & *con*fermyd þe same ȝerdelonde *þat* * reynolde of halso ȝaf to mynchons of Godestow in-to pur*e* & *per*petuel almys, as the chart*er* of the foresayde wytnyssyth; & [to] this *con*firmacion sche put to her*e* seele: These beyng wytnys &c.: & is *with*-owte date.

[275.] * A Charter of Roger Quyncy.

* leaf XLIX or 59, back. About 1260. Grant to Godstow, by Roger Quincy, second earl of Winchester, 1219–64, of exemption from attendance

THE sentence of this chart*er* is that Roger Quyncy, Erle of Wynchest*er* and constable of Scotlond, for the helthe of his sowle and of the sowlis of his avnceter*s* and successours, relessed and quyte-claymed to the Abbesse of Godestow, and to her successours, for her *per*sones alle maner of sutes of her Courtes, the which sutes they owed to them for londes and tenawntries the which they holden

[1] 'Sche' and 'here' are in error for 'he' and 'his.' The Latin is: 'unam scilicet ex illis quam tenui tempore viduitatis Matildis matris mee.'

[2] Margaret (de Beaumont), widow of Saier de Quincy earl of Winchester (who died 1219), owned the Halso estate, as co-heiress of her brother Robert (fitz-Parnell), fourth earl of Leicester.

at his manorial courts, except by their steward on occasion of the king's writ

but the obligation of attendance is retained on Godstow tenants.

of his fee in halso, Brakley, and farnyngho, So nathelesse that, yf nede were the sewters of the forsaid' court shold' come fully to the strengthe of the courte for the kyngis breef or writte ther to be demed' at that tyme, the said' Abbesse and her successours whan they ben resonably somoned' shul send' thedir their certayn steward': but ther tenauntes shold' come to the said' courte, as they were I-woned' to do. In-to witnesse of this he put his seale to this writyng. Thise beyng witnesse & *cetera*.

* leaf XLVIII or 58, back. 1279, May 17. Confirmation to Godstow, by Ela, lady Zouche of Ashby, of her great-great-grandparents' and other predecessors' gifts (nos. 269 and 270), [Roger de Quincy, earl of Winchester, died 1264.] [Alan le Zouche, of Ashby, d. 1269.] and grant of additional privileges.

[276.] * A confirmacion of Elene Such of the *tenementis* and rentis aforsaid' & *cetera*.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is that elene Such, dowght*er* & eyer*e* of goode sire Rog*er* Quyncy, su*m*tyme Erle of Wynchest*ur*, aft*er* sche had say the chart*er*s of goode sirys Robert su*m*tyme erle of leicet*ur* þe eldur & of Rob*er*t of the same place the ȝungur, vppon þe ryȝht*es* & possessiouns of the ladyis of Godestow abbesse & Couente, in the londys tenem*entes* r*entes* & oþ*er* ryȝht*es* longyng to the sayde religiouse wom*en* in the town of halso & brackley (þat is to say, the chart*er*s not cancellyd or crossyd, not destroyid ne defoyllyd in no p*ar*te, of þe ȝyft*es* & *con*firmacions of the[m]), She, wyllyng goode wylle, eue[n] like as they had, to þe same holy religiouse wom*en* to *con*tinue w*ith* goode wylle, grauntid & *con*fermyd by the tenour*e* of this p*re*sente wrytyng alle & eu*er*ych ȝyft*es* in the fore-namyd plac*es*, for þe helth of here sowle & of her*e* faþ*er* sir*e* Rog*er* Quyncy & of her*e* eyer*es*, so þat þey scholde haue i*n* mynde the sowlys Afor*e* in alle her*e* prayeris suffrag*es* & benefett*es* for eu*er*, in-to pur*e* & p*er*petuel Almys; w*ith* þys mor*e*, þ*at* þe foresayde Abbesse & couente for her*e* selfe & alle her*e* men be free & quiet of scuage & sute of her*e* myllys. And þe foresayde elene and her*e* eyeris warantiȝed & defendid for eu*er* all & eu*er*ych þe sayde ȝyft*es* & *con*firmacions in þe fore-namyd plac*es* to þe fore-sayde abbesse & to her*e* successour*es* in all man*er* thyng*es* agaynste All men, & defendid them for eu*er*. In-to wytnys of this thyng sche put to her*e* seele. The date at halso, the wonysday Afor*e* wytsonday, the seuenyth ȝer*e* of þe reyne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kyng henry.

[277.] A lettre of attourney of the possession of the same.

1296, April 9. Letter of attorney, by foregoing Ela, lady Zouche, to effect exchange specified in no. 278.

THE sentence of this charter is, þat Elene Such ordeynyd, made, & sette, here welle louyd & trew syre wyllyam Gadeby here stywarde & atturney to take in here name & place to
4 þabbesse of Godestow & here couente or to þere atturney full & pesible sesynyng of fowre acris & halfe a rodde of arable londe & of a pasture in the feldis of halso, after þe tenowre of here charter the which she maade to þe same of þe foresayde
8 londe & pasture in þe fore-sayde feldis of halso. Furþermore, she ordeynyd & set the foresayde sire wylliam here atturney to receyue in here name full sesynyng of fowre acres & a halfe & of halfe a rodde of arable londe & of oon pasture in commune
12 of thorney of halso, after þe tenowre of þe charter þat þe fore-sayde abbesse maade there-of to here. In-to wytnys of this she put to here seele to þys presente wrytyng. The date At swanyshey, the moneday nexte Afore þe feste of seyntes tiburce
16 & Valerian, the fowre & twentyeth ȝere of þe reyne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kyng henry.

[Tiburcius and Valerian = Apr. 14.]

[278.] * A Charter I-made bitwene dame Elene Such & the Abbesse of Godstowe.

* leaf XLIX or 59. 1296, April 15. Exchange between Godstow and Ela, lady Zouche of Ashby,

THE sentence of this chartir is, that the Sonday xv. dayes after Ester, þe yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of
20 kyng harry the xxiiij., it was accorded, bitwene dame Elene Suche of the one partie And the Abbesse of Godestow and the Covent of the other partie, that is to sey, that the forsaid dame Elene yaf graunted, & with this present charter confermed, for
24 her and her heires and her assignes, to the forsaid abbesse and Covent of the hous aforesaid, iiij. acres and an half acre and half a Rode of arable lond in the feldes of Halso, liyng nygh the hornys crosse, of the which one hede buttith toward the hornes-
28 crosse and the other hede vpon the forow of Adam Rede, the whiche he holdith in vilenage or bondage of the said dame Elene, into an eschaunge of iiij. acres and an half and half a rode of lond liyng in þe thorneholte of Halso, the which lond
32 the forseid Abbesse and Covent had of the yifte of the aunceturs of the forsaid dame Elene, to be hold and to be had (the forsaid lond toward hornescrosse, with fre entreng and goyng out) to the forsaid Abbesse and to her successours for euer, of the

of lands,

with grant of rights of pasture for one month for the convent plough-team of eight oxen, and for two mares, in lady Zouche's demesne-pasture of Halso manor, [Easter as date of beginning pasture of oxen and mares.]

forsaid' dame Elene, here heires, or her assignes, into pure and perpetuel almesse. Furthermore, the for-said' dame Elene grauntith, for her and for her heires and her assignes, to the forsaid' Abbesse, her covent, and to her successours, pasture to her owne viij. plough oxen and to her ij. maris in her demayn pasture in Halso, into eschaunge of a pasture that the said' abbesse and Covent had' in the thorne-holte of halso, that the said' viij. oxen and ij. maris of the abbesse and Covent begynne frely to entre with the ladies oxen into the forsaide pasture, and fede theire oxen, where-so-ever the oxen of the maner of halso feden, pesibly and holy thurgh one monthe and no more every yere for ever, al so sone as the oxen and the maris of the forsaid' dame Elene and her heires or her assignes commonely entir the said' pasture, and specialy ben I-fed' yerely in the same aftir Estir, to be hold' and to be had' (the said' pasture) into pure and perpetuel almesse, in the forsaid' fourme: and the forsaide dame Elene, hir heires, or hir assignes, shold' warantie acquyte and defende the forsaid' lond', with the pasture aforeseid', in the fourme afore I-write, to the * forsaid' Abbesse and Covent and to her successours, ayenst all men: and for this gifte, graunt, and confirmacion, the forsaid' abbesse and Covent yaf, graunted', and quyteclaymed', for her self and her successours, to the forsaid' dame Elene, and to her heires or her assignes, into eschaunge the forsaid' iiij. acres and half acre and half a rode of lond', liyng' in the thorneholte in the feldes of halso, the which the same dame Elene made newly to be closed' in, of the which lond' one butte lieth with-out the diche of the said' close toward' the thorneholt of gritworth, to-gedir with the commune of a pasture the whiche the forsaid' abbesse and Covent had' and claymed' in the forsaid' thorneholte of Halso, to be hold' and to be had' (the forsaid' lond', with the forsaide commone of pasture), to the forsaid' dame Elene and to her heires or her assignes for ever, Of the chief lordes of the fee, frely quyetly and pesibly for ever. And the forsaid' Abbesse and Covent warantiȝed' aquyted' and defended' for ever, vnto the forsaid' dame Elene and to her heires or her assignes, all the forsaid' lond', with the commone of pasture aforsaid'. In-to witnesse of the which, they put to this present writyng' theire seales, and' sealed' hit everich to other. Thise beryng' witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf XLIX or 59, back.

[Enclosure of land.]

[Gretworth.] in exchange for Godstow pasture in 'the Thornholt.'

OXFORDSHIRE

[ASTHALLEIGH, by Burford.]

[NOTE.—It is not clear to me whether the first and second deeds in this series do, or do not, refer to the same yardland. If not, there is no further notice of the first yardland. This Asthalleigh, or Asthallingleigh, occurs in the Hundred Rolls and in old Gazetteers as a hamlet in Asthall parish, i. e. on the Windrush, about three miles east of Fulbrook, which is a hamlet of Burford. Thomas Warton, in his *History of Kiddington*, mentions a place with a similar name, Asterley or Asteley, as a decayed parish merged in Kiddington. For Reginald of St. Valerie see pp. 38, 39. In 1540, at the dissolution (*Monast.* iv. 372), Burford Hospital was still paying the 12*s.* quit-rent for this property.]

[279.] * A chartur of Reynold fiʒt wydo to h. of seynt w.

* leaf VI or 18, back. About 1200. Sale to Henry of St. Valerie, by Reginald of St. Valerie, son of Wido, of Robert son of Ordrich's yardland, subject to yearly quit-rent of 12*d.*

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Reynold of seynt Walery, the sone of Gwyd, yaf & grauntyd to henri of seynt walery for homage & hys seruice that yerd of londe in the 4 fraunchyse of Estallingleye, w*ith* all hys p*er*tinenc*es*, the whych Rob*er*t the sone of ordrich held. Furthermore the seyd R. wyllid the forseyd H. to haue & hold, of hym & hys heyrys, to hym & hys heyrys, the fore-sayde londe frely & vtturly vndur 8 a yerly rent of xij. d to be payd to opichi[1] & hys heyrys at Estallingleye at to t*er*mys of the yer, that is to sey, at cristmas[2] vj. d, at Michaelmas vj. d, for all seruice and demaundis that longyn to hym or to hys heyrys, sauynge the seruice dewe to the 12 kynge also muche as longythe to that yerdlonde. And, for the seyde Reynolde of sey*n*t walery & hys heyrys warantysyd the seyd londe w*ith* hys p*er*tinenc*es* to the seyd H., he * yaf to the forseyd R. for thys yft & graunt v. Marke of sylu*er* in 16 gerssum. And þ*at* thys yft shuld not be dowtfull to no man, he sett to hys seele: & is w*ith*-out date.

* leaf VII or 19. Purchase-money, £3 6*s.* 8*d.*

[1] 'Op*er*ichi' in the Latin.

[2] These strange half-yearly terms are faithfully translated from the Exchequer MS. 'Natale Domini: Festum Sancti Michaelis.'

* leaf VI or 18, back. About 1200. Sale to Henry of St. Valerie, by Reginald of St. Valerie, of a yardland, subject to 1*d.* quit-rent to St. Frideswyde's priory,

[280.] * a chartur of R. of seynt walery to h. of seynt w. of þe lond in estallingley.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Reynold of seynt Walery hathe grauntyd & y*a*f, Also hathe confermyd w*ith* hys chartur, to henry of seynt walery, for hys homage & seruice, j. yerd of lond in the town of astringley[1] w*ith* all hys 4 p*er*tenencys, that lond the whyche Aleyn fulbroc held of hym. The forseyd yerd-londe he willid to be holde & hadde of hym & hys heyrys to the forseyd henry & hys heyrys or assynys, frely, quietly, pesybly & hoole fro all accion, exaccion & all 8 seruice, savinge the ryall, paynge ther-of yerly to the p*ri*or of seynt Frideswyth j. d in the day of seynt Michael: & for thys graunt, yeft & confirmacion the forseyd henry of seynt walery yaf to the forseyd R. of seynt walery vj. Marke of sylu*er* 12 byfore handys. And the seyd alane of fulbruc & hys wyfe shull holde the forseyd yerd-londe all the days of her lyfe, and aftur her decease the fore-namyd yerdlond shal turne hoole to h. of seynt walery or to hys assinis. And, that thys g*ra*unt, yeft 16 & confirmacion shuld be sure afturward, the seyd R. put to hys seele: & is w*ith*-out date.

[Purchase-money, £4.] and to Alan of Fulbrook's and his wife's life-interests.

* leaf VII or 19. About 1210. Grant to Godstow, by Henry of St. Valerie,

[281.] * a chartur of henry of seynt walery of j. yerde londe in Estallingeley.

THE sentence of thys chartur is that Henry of seynt walery yaf grauntyd & confermyd w*ith* hys wrytynge to the churche of 20 God & of seynt Iohn̄ Baptist of Godstowe & to the holy Mynchons there seru*in*ge god, for the helthe of hys sowle & of the sowlys of hys aunceturs & of hys hyerys, Alan of Estallingeleye w*ith* hys chyldryn that comyn of hym; j. yerdlond in Estallingleie, 24 the whyche the same Aleyn holdyth, the whyche he bowht of Roger of seynt walery, the forseyd h. of seynt walery wyllyd the forseyd holy mynchons to hold & to haue to he*m* in-to free & p*er*petual almys, doynge to the kynge & to hys heyrys seruice 28 that he owyd to do to hem, as hyt is conteynyd in the chartur of the same Roger: and that hyt myht byde sure, he put to hyt hys seele: & is w*ith*-out date.

of the serf Alan, his family, and his land (as in no. 280).

[1] *Sic.*

[282.] A confirmacion of h. of seynt w. of þe same. 1220, April 1.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry of St. Valerie, of Alan's yardland (probably no. 281), possibly on extinction of the life-interests in no. 280.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Henry of seynt walery yaf grauntyd & confirmyd with hys wrytynge to the church of god & of our lady seynt mary & of seynt Iohn Baptiste of God-
4 stowe, & to the holy mynchons there seruynge god & to serue for euyr, for the helthe of hys sowle & of the sowles of hys aunceturs & heyrys, in-to free pure & perpetual almys, j. yerd-londe at Estallingleie with hys pertinences the whyche he bowht
8 of hys forseyd lorde Reynold, that is to say, the yerde-lond that alyn of the leghe helde, & what so euyr thynge that he hadde or myht haue in the same yerdlonde, he wyllyd the forenamid minchons to haue & to holde of hym & hys heyrys, in all places
12 & in all thynges, with alle fredoms & free customs, hole, frely & in rest fro all rent custome seruice & exaccion, sauynge the seruice that is dewe to hys forseyd lorde Reynolde of the same yerd-londe. Furthermore he & hys heyrys warantizid to the
16 fore-seyd holy mynchons the fore-seyd almys agaynist all men & women: and for to make hyt sure he put to hys seele. The date is of the yere of grace a thowsand. CC°. xx°. the fyrst day of aprile.

[283. *Agreement between Alice of Gorges, abbess of Godstow, and Robert son of Walter as to arrears of a rent-charge. * Exchequer MS. leaf 182. 130½, Feb. 27.

Agreement between Godstow, and Robert, son of Walter, to postpone distraining for arrears of a quit-rent till after the expiry of his lease.

20 ROBERT, son of Walter of Asthall, claims to hold a messuage and yardland, with a croft and meadow, of the fee of Godstow in Estallyngleye, under a ten years' lease from Alice, widow of Walter le fere, and by payment (in quarterly instalments)
24 of a quit-rent of 12*s.* yearly to Godstow. But in the time of Walter le fere deceased arrears (1288–1300) of this quit-rent were incurred to the amount of £6 12*s.* Robert now bargains to remain undisturbed during his lease, on condition of duly
28 paying the quit-rent, and not to be held liable for arrears incurred] * afore[1] the makyng of this presente writyng to be made. And that nother they ne none by them or in ther name

*Rawl. MS. leaf 148.

[1] The English Register begins again after a lost leaf.

myght ne ought to distreyne the said Robert his heires or his assignes, nother in no wise yeve occasion for ony maner arreragis of the forsaid rente, duryng his termes of x. yeres, in the forme aforesaid. Natheles, full power reserued to them in all wise to distreyne euery tenemente[1], after the forsaid terme of the forsaid x. yere fully I-complete, for the forsaid arreragis for all the tyme behynde afore the makyng of þis present writyng tille hit were I-satisfyed fully therof to them, For the which graunte, pease to be had, and respite hangyng the terme of x. yere of the aboue arreragis, the forsaid Robert yaf to them half a marke of siluer be-fore handes. Into witnesse of the whiche thynge, & *cetera*.

Fee paid, 6*s*. 8*d*.

* leaf VII or 19. 1338.

[284.] * A couenant I-made by þe abbas of Godestowe to the prior of borford.

Grant by Godstow, to St. John Baptist Hospital, Burford, of a yardland (probably no. 280),

THE sentence of thys conuencion is, that Margerye Dyne, abbesse of Godstowe, & the couent of the same place grauntyd & yaf licence, for hyr & hyr successours, to the prior of the hospital of seynt Iohn of borforde & to the couent of the same place, & to her successours, for to appropur a yerde-londe with the pertinens in Estallingleie, the whyche Iohn of Cornewayle helde of the seyd abbas & Couent, so that the for-seyd prior & couent of the same place & her successours pay ther-of yerly, to the fornamyd abbas & Couent, xij. *shillings*, at iiij. termys of þe yer, for all seculer exaccion & demaunde. I-yef at Godstowe the xij. yere of kynge Edward.

subject to a quit-rent of 12*s*.

[BANBURY.]

[NOTE.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow was still in receipt of this rent-charge of £5, issuing from the 'toll, market, and fair' of Banbury, which was still owned by the bishop of Lincoln, *Monast.* iv. 372.]

* leaf IIII or 16, back. A.D. 113⅔.

[285.] * A chartur of A. bysshop of lincolne for c. *shillings* in þe tolle bowth of banbury.

Grant to Godstow,

THE sentence of thys dede is, that Alsaunder bysshop of lincolne, aftur he hadde halowyd the churche of seynt Iohn

[1] In error for 'tenant.'

baptiste of Godstowe, he grauntyd to the sustynaunce of the Mynchyns there seruynge god a hundred shelyngys, þe which he assynyd to be payd & hadde euyrlastyngely in the tolle bowthe of hys marcat of Banbury: 'wherefore we warne,' he saythe, '& pray for the loue of god, & for the helth of yowre sowlys, that ye maynteyn to the seyd churche of seynt Iohn̄, & to the seruantys of crist, thys almys: ye to receyue, for yowre good desyre, rewarde of god. We forbede also that no man be bold to take a-wey thys almys in tyme to come, ne vexe, ne greue hem. And yf that any man presume malapertly, let hym know that he is a-cursyd,' these beynge wytnes, as is euident in the dede selfe; & is with-out date.

by Alexander, bishop of Lincoln, of a yearly rent-charge of £5, out of the revenue of Banbury Market.

Anathema against violators of the grant.

[Begbroke.]

[Note.—This deed is imperfect, from a leaf being cut out; and there is no Begbroke heading in the Exchequer MS. In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* we have, slumped together, incomes from Cassington, Thrup, Begbroke, Kiddington, and Ledwell in Woodstock rural deanery. The land here seems to have been parted with before the dissolution.]

[286.] * A Charter of Raaf harang I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for homagis and services in Beckebroke, & *cetera*.

* leaf 213, back. About 1220.

The sentence of this charter is that Raaf Harange, in the wey of charite, and for the helthe of his soule and of his auncetours and successours, yaf, graunted, and by his present charter confermed, to god and to oure Lady seynt marie and to seynt Iohn̄ Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons ther servyng god, all the homage and seruyce of Roger of the lyons of all the tenement that the same Roger held of me in the towne of Beckebroke, that is for to sey, yerly in the day of seynt Iohn̄ Baptist ij. *shillings* x. d to be taken: he yaf also and

Grant to Godstow, by Ralph Harang,

of a rent-charge, and feudal superiority over a freehold, and of . . .

[Leaf missing.]

[Bensington or Benson: see in Shillingford.]

[Bletchingdon.]

[Note.—In the 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* of pope Nicholas IV, Godstow lands in Blechesdon are assessed to be worth £1 18*s.* 2*d.* yearly. At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow possessed in Bletchingdon copyholds of yearly value £2 13*s.* 4*d.* (*Monast.* iv. 371). The lands lay partly in Bletchingdon and partly in the adjacent parish, Hampton Gay: see pp. 221, 224.]

*leaf VIII or 20, back. About 1139. [Yerdlonde = rood.]

[287.] *A chart*ur* of Robert of aumery to A[bbess] of G[odstow] for xxxij. ac*res* *in* blach*edon*.

Grant to Godstow, by Robert of Amary, of lands, viz.

The sentence of thys euidence is, that Robert of Aumery yaf & grauntyd̄, to god & to the churche of our lady seynt mary & of seynt Iohn̄ baptist of Godstowe, & to the holy my*n*chons there seruinge god̄, xxxij. acris of londe & j. yerdlonde w*ith* hys hedys, of hys londe in the towne of blechedon, in-to pur*e* & p*er*petuall almys, for the helthe of hys soule & hys auncet*urs*, to be hadde holde & to be take in-to possession, frely, restfully, pesybly & worshypfully, w*ith* all the eysement*es* & fredoms longynge to the same londe:

14 acres in one field,

that is to sey, in j. felde, xiiij. acris: that is to sey, at the stywe, half an acre; & a-boue pauenhull, j. acre; & at the wey by churcheman*n*brygge, half an acre; & at asseke-more, ij. acris; & a-boue litul benehull, j. acre & a halfe; and in the assekemore, half an acre; & at the heede of ladune, a yerd̄ lond̄; and spelburghe, j. yerd̄ londe; & at the hede of ladune, halfe an acre; & vndur ladune, half an acre; & heyfordelond̄, half an acre; & in the bradecroft[1], thre halfe acris; & vppon wordehull[1], iij. halfe acris; & vppon cotman[1] forlonge, j. acre; & in myrysacre, ij. acris:

18 acres 1 rood in another field; [yerd = a rood = ¼-acre.]

& in[1] an othyr felde[2], xviij. acris & j. yerde: that is to say, vppon sondehull in hutfurlonge, j. acre; and in myddyl furlonge, ij. acris; & chypfen, iij. yerdys; & in the same chypfen by the mere, iij. half acris; & at Mappeldure-stuble, halfe an acre; & chuh*a*m, ij. acris; & at hynh*a*m, j. acre; & at reuemede[1], half an acre; & at nordlongelond̄, j. acre; & in hechefurlonge, half an acre; & at staindelfe, j. acre; and att

[1] 'Bradcroft—wrought hull—Cotman—nota ij fildes—Ryemead,' in margin, in several lines.

[2] In this second field, the items are 3 half-acres short of the total. So also in the Latin.

kyngys mere, iij. acris & an half; & vppon benehull, halfe an acre; & vppon stepehyl, j. acre.

Furthyrmore, he grauntyd to the seyde holy mynchons of Godstowe pasture to iiij. kyne, in hys owne pasture in the same towne of blechedon, w*ith* hys kyne where so euyr they goo (oute-take iij. croft*es* by-thowt hys court of the west part, w*ith* wellemede); and furthermore, for hym and hys heyrys, to the seyd holy mynchons of Godstowe, fre goynge thorowe hys woode & thorowe hys lond*es* in hys maner of pyrye, for her cart*es* & carrys[1] to goo & come w*ith*-out ony vexac*i*on or lette for euyr. Also the seyd Robert of aumery & hys heyrys warantisyd the seyd londe & pasture, & the seyd goynge in & thorowe & to goo a-geyne, to the seyd holy mynchons for euyr a-geynyst all men and wemen; & the seyd robert c*on*firmid for hym & hys heyrys all the yevynge of hys aunceturs a-geynyst all men and all wemen for euyr. Also the seyde Robert of aumery & hys heyrys warantisyd all that seyd yeuynge of her aunceturs a-geynyst all men & all wemen * for euyr; &, for that hys yeft, graunt, & confirmynge, sholde be ferme and stable for-euer, he put to hys seele to the writynge there-of; & is without date[2].

with pasture-rights for 4 cows;

and with right of cart-way through Perry manor.

* leaf IX, or 21.

[288.] A chartur of londys I-yef by Rog*er* of aumary fiȝt Robert aumery to Godestowe.

A. D. 113⅝.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Rog*er* of a., fiȝt R. of a., yaf & grauntyd & w*ith* hys wrytynge confermyd to god & to the churche of Godestow, & to the mynchons there seruynge god for euyr, xx. seylons[3] & j. of hys arable londe, in telth the whyche is callyd blacpurnemore, w*ith* halfe of all the medewe of blancpurnemore, vppon the whyche the telth strecchyth, to be had & holde to the seyd mynchons & to her successours, frely, in rest, pesybly, & worshipfully, in-to fre & perpetual almys, as frely & as restfully as ony almus may be yef, fro all

Grant to Godstow, by Roger of Amary, son of said Robert, of 21 strips (sellions) of arable, with meadow attached,

[1] In the Latin is 'karretas et carros.'

[2] The witnesses are: Richard of Aumary; Silvester, then 'master Chaplain' of Godstow; Absalom, Bernard, and Herebert, chaplains; Peter of Duneton, steward of Godstow.

[3] 'Buttys' is written over as a gloss, and in the margin is 'a butte of londe.' In the Latin it is: 'viginti seylones et unam de terra mea arabili in cultura qu[a]e.' Read 'twenty buttys and one butte.'

seculer seruyce, exaccion, seute of court or demaunde that may be axid of ony tenement: &, for asmuche as the seyd londe & tho for-seyd medewe of the fore-seyd mynchons lyen nyhe hys londe & medewe in the same telth & felde afore-namyd, he wyllyd & grauntyd, for hym & hys heyrys, that the seyd mynchons & successours of hem shuld haue fre entre & goynge-oute *with* here beestys to-ged*ur with* hys bestys in all hys medews & feeld & in so muche telth telyd as the mynchons hauyn there by wrytynge, so that the forseyd Roger & hys eyrys & mynchons a-fore-seyd haue like many bestys there as in commune pasture, *with*-out ony a-gayne-saynge, aftur the fyrst mowynge & caryinge, and also aftur the corne caryinge, so that nowther of hem seke accion to hurt other or to poyne o*per* hys bestys in the forseyd pastur; & the forseyd Rog*er* of aumery & hys eyrys warantisyd a-quytyd & defended for euyr all the for-seyd lond, *with* the medews a-fore namyd, & *with* all libertees to-fore wrytyn, a-geynyst all men. And, for to make hys ȝyft graunt & confirmynge ferme & stable, he put hys seel to thys wrytynge: and is *with*-out date.

and rights of common pasture

in meadow after the hay is lifted, on arable after the corn is carried.

113§. Duplicate.

[289.] A-nothyr folowyth of the same sentens word by word, that nedip not to be wretyn.

A. D. 113§.

[290.] Chartur of walt*er* pery of a yerdlonde the whyche aylwyne stern hilde & x. acris.

* leaf X or 22, back. Grant to Godstow by Walter of Perry, of a yardland and 10 acres. [Nun's dower.]

* THE sentence of thys chartur is, that walt*er* pyry grauntyd to god & to seynt Iohn & to the holy mynchons of Godestowe, for the helthe of hys sowle, & of hys wyfe, & of hys dowht*er* the whyche he made there mynchon, j. yerdlonde in blechesdon, the whyche aylwyne stern hylde, & x. acris of londe (v. in on felde & v. in an othyr felde; & that *with* the graunt of Rog*er* of aumery, the whyche was p*re*sent at pe gyvynge: & is *with*-out date.

* leaf IX or 21. About 1150.

[291.] *A confirmacion of Raph of aumery of the yeft that Rog*er* hys fadur made to pe mynchons of Godestowe.

Confirmation to

THE sentence of thys confirmacion is, that Raph of aumary grauntyd & confirmyd the yeft of hys fadur Rog*er* of aumery,

that is to sey, xxv. acris of hys lordshyp yerly to be sowyd' in the ground' of blechesdon; & by-syde these xxv. acris he yaf tweyne acris, to make a dwellynge place, in-to perpetuel almis to the churche of god & of our lady seynt mary & of seynt Iohn̄ baptiste of Godstowe & to the mynchons there seruynge god, with hys too dowhters þe whych were made mynchons in the same churche; & he grauntyd the forseyd xxv. acris & dwellynge place to be free and quiete fro all̄ seculer seruice & fro all̄ exaccion, with the assent of hadewyse hys wyfe & hys sonys, that is to say, Robert, Raph, and Richard, with syr henry doyly grauntynge & confermynge the same. Also he grauntyd' commune pasture in the same towne to the bestys of the holy mynchons a-fore-seyd', of what-so-euyr kynde they be, euynlike fredom as to hys owne bestes in hys owne pasture: & by-syde thys graunt, he confirmyd' the yeft of walter of pyrye, that is to sey, oon yerde-londe in the same towne (the whyche alfwy stern helde, & afturwarde Nigell̄ scotte) & x. acris of londe of hys lordshype, with a dowhtyr of hys, the whyche was made mynchon in the forseyd'churche: and is with-out date.

Godstow, by Ralph of Amary, of his father Roger's gift (no. 288); also grant of two acres for the site of a farm-house, [Nuns' dowers.]

and rights of common pasture;

also confirmation of Walter of Perry's gift (no. 290). [Nun's dower.]

[292.] * A chartur of Robert fitz Nigell̄ I-made to the mynchons of Godestow of the same yerdlonde.

* leaf X or 22. About 1190. Grant to Godstow, [Nuns' dower] by Robert son of Nigel, of a yardland in the Perry.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Robert fitz Nigelle yaf & grauntid in-to perpetuell̄ almys, with[1] hys modur Anneys & hys dowhter mariory, to god & to the churche of oure lady & of seynt Iohn̄ baptiste of Godstowe & to the holy mynchons there seruynge god', a yerdlonde in blechesdon, I-callyd' of the pyrye, free & in peace fro all̄ seruice that longyd' to hym & to hys heyrys, þat is to sey, in medewys, & in pasturys, & in playnys, as hyt was in kynge henry is tyme, & that by the consent & prayer of hys wyfe Molde of bewchampe, of whos dowry was that foreseyd londe.

[293.] * A couenant I-made be-twene the churche of Godestowe & Gefrey bodyn of a yerd' londe.

* leaf IX or 21, back. About 1190. Sale to

THE sentence of thys couenant is, that hyt was a-cordyd' by-twene the churche of Godestowe & Gefrey bodyn, that the

[1] The wording suggests that the two ladies then took the veil at Godstow, with this yardland for their dower.

Godstow, by Jeffrey Bodyn, of all his rights in a yardland (no 292) subject to 4*s*. quit-rent.

chuiche of Godestowe toke a yerd' lond' in blechysdun of the fee of Robert fitz nigelle of Tackeley, to be hold' of the forseyd' Gefrey of hym & of hys heyrys foreu*er*, for iiij. s*hillings* yerly to be payde: & for thys acord' the fore-namyd' churche yaf xij. s*hillings*, the whyche the foreseyd' Gefrey toke & made couenaunt to hold' & kepe thys acord' w*ith* consent of hys heyrys. Also Gefrey before-seyd' ow*h*t to may*n*teyne & warantize the fore-seyd' yerdelonde a-geynyst all' men, out-take a-geynyst the kynge, for the foreseyd' summe: & is w*ith*-out date.

* leaf X or 22. About 1210.

[294.] * A chartur of william pauper of the confrimacion of the same a-fore-seyd' yerd-londe by Gefrey bodyn I-gyfe to Godestowe.

Confirmation to Godstow, by William Poore (as husband of one of the co-heiresses of Robert fitz-Nigel), of no. 293.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that william pauper grauntyd' a yerd' of londe in Blechesdon to the churche of god' & of our lady & of seynt Iohn̄ baptist of Godestowe & to the holy mynchons there seruynge god, the whyche they holdyn of martyn Bodyn paynge to martyn iiij. s*hillings* by yere. That yerdlonde a-fore-seyd' he grauntyd' to hem, to be holde of hym & of hys heyrys p*er*petually, by the same ferme, that is to sey, for iiij. s*hillings* by yere, in peece & fre fro all' seruice that longyd' to hym & to hys heyrys, & that by the consent of syr Robert fytz nigelle, of whoos fee the londe is, & the whyche is chefe & heed' of the londe & lorde: & yf hyt falle so that martyn fayle of hys seruice & couenaunt, the foreseyd' william pauper shold' hold' to the foreseyd' holy mynchons couenaunt: & is w*ith*-oute date.

About 1210.

[295.] A chartur of william[1] prestecote of the same yerdlond'.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Walter Prestcote (possibly as Poore in no. 294), of no. 293.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that walt*er* prestecote, for the sake of charite & for the helthe of hys sowle & of hys aunceturs, claymyd to be in rest & vtturly relesyd' for euyr to hys welbelouyd' in crist, the abbas of Godestowe & to the holy mynch*ons* there seruinge god, for hym & hys heyrys, the sute of hys courte, of the tenement that they heldyn of hym in the towne of blechesdon, the whyche they haddyn of the yeft of his aunce-

[1] 'Walter' in the Latin, both in the title and in the deed.

turs, so, that is to sey, that the seyd abbas & holy mynchons of the same place haue & holde the forseyd tenement*es*, w*ith* alł her p*er*tinenc*es*, frely and restfully, welle, hoolly, & in peece, 4 sauinge to hym & to hys heyrys a yerly rent of iiij. s*hillings*, to be payd at two termys of the yere for j. yerd-londe, the whyche is of the forseyd tenement, & doynge the ryalł seruice there-of, euyn as they haue be wonyd for to do hyt, for alł seruices, cus- 8 tomys, sutys of the courte, & alł man*er* demau*n*dys: & the fore-namyd walt*er* & hys heyrys warantiȝid to the foreseyde Abbas & holy mynchons alł the fore rehersyd thyng*es* a-geynyst alł pepul. In-to wytnes of the whyche thynge he put to hys seele: 12 & is w*ith*-out date.

[296.] A chartur of william of Grenevile of the same yerdlonde.

About 1210.

Confirmation to Godstow, by William Grenevile (possibly as Poore in no. 294), of no. 293.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that william Grenevile grauntyd & confermyd to god & to the churche of seynt Iohn̄ baptist of Godestowe & to the mynchons þere seruinge god, 16 j. yerdlonde in blechesdun, the whyche Geffrey bodyn gaf & g*ra*untyd to the seyd mynchons, to be holde of hym & of hys heyrys, so that, yf Gefrey bodyn dyid & hys heyrys, they sholde holde hyt of hym & hys heyrys for euyr, free & quietely fro alł 20 seruice longynge to hym, sauinge the seruice of the kynge, paynge ther-of yerly iiij. s*hillings* at two termys of the yere, that is to sey, ij. s*hillings* at þe fest of seynt myhel, & ij. s*hillings* at the fest of estur. And, for thys graunt & confirmacion, the 24 fore-seyd mynchons gafyn to hym two marke of syluyr: & it is w*ith*-out date.

Purchase money, £1 6*s.* 8*d.*

[297.] * The chartur of Gefrey brocher of halfe a yerdlonde in blechesdon.

* leaf X or 22, back. About 1250.

Sale to Godstow, by Jeffrey Brocher, of half a yardland,

THYS is the sentence of thys chartur: that Gefrey brocher of blechesdun gaf & g*ra*untyd, & confirmyd w*ith* hys owne 28 wrytynge, to god & to the churche of seynt Iohn̄ baptiste of Godstowe & to the mynchyns there seruynge god & to serue for euyr, in-to free pure & p*er*petual almys, j. halfe yerd of lond in the feeld of blechysdon, & on acre of mede in þe mede of 32 blechesdon, that is to sey, that same half yerdlonde & that acre

of mede þe whyche the seyd mynchons heldyn sumtyme of hym to ferme;

viz. 8 acres in one field,

of the whych half yerde londe, j. acre lieth vppon pounhyll, & j. acre lieth in[1] mersacre, & j. acre lieth vppon sandhull nyhe the londe of the seyd mynchons, & j. half acre lieth cliffurlonge nyhe the londe of walt*er* prestecote, & j. halfe acre lieth vppon spelleburge nyhe the londe that was of walt*er* hibberd, & j. half acre nyhe the londe that was of Osbert templer nyhe the grete wey that strecchyth toward wodestoke, & halfe an acre in wytemers nyhe þe londe the whyche was of walt*er* hibberd, & halfe an acre lieth vppon henhull nyhe the londe that was of walt*er* prestecote, & halfe an acre lieth in the same telthe[2] the whych was of Gefrey brocher, & halfe an acre liethe in brady crofte nyhe the londe that was of Osbert templer, & ij. rodys lien vppon serenhull, and halfe an acre liethe vppon bowenhull nyhe the grete wey that strecchyth toward goseford, & twey rodys in Cadborowemere nyhe the londe of the seyd mynchons:

and 9½ acres in a second field,

& in an-oþ*er* feelde[3], halfe an acre liethe in ailmewey nyhe the londe of the seyd mynchons, & halfe an acre liethe in burtfurlonge, & j. acre liethe [in] willardesfordeshull, & half an acre lieth w*ith*-in þe grete dyche nyhe the londe of the seyd mynchons, & ij. rodys lien nyhe the londe þ*at* was of walt*er* prestecote at sepelburge, & j. acre liethe at Cowh*am*, & j. acre lieth at fordroue nyhe the land that was of Osbert templer, & j. acre lieth vppon wodelonde nyhe the londe of the seyde Osbert, & half an acre lieth at hinh*am* nyhe the londe of the said mynchons, & halfe an acre liethe at broclongesfurlonge nyhe the londe that was of walt*er* prestecote, and halfe an acre liethe at kyngysheimere nyhe þe londe of walt*er* p*re*stecote, & halfe an acre lieth in pulfurlonge nyhe the londe of þe seyd walt*er* p*re*stecote, and halfe an acre lieth in cherfurlonge towarde the northe nyhe the londe of the seyd walt*er* prestecote, & halfe an acre lieth in hynch nyhe the londe þ*at* was of Osbert templer, & halfe an acre lieth vppon merefurlonge nyh þe londe of the seyd walt*er*,

and an acre of meadow by lot.

& j. acre of mede lieth in the mede of blechesdon, of the whyche halfe an acre lieth at Mideldol as the lot yeuyth, & anoþ*er* halfe acre at fromdol, as the lot gyvyth:

[1] *mershe acre*, in margin. [2] *Tilthe*, in margin. [3] *nota ij fildes*, in margin.

to be hadde & to be holde all the fore-seyd halfe yerd-londe, w*ith* the mede a-fore namyd, & pasture & p*er*tinence*s*, frely, quietely, welle, & pesybly for euyr: & the foreseyd Geffrey & hys heyrys, the fore-namyd halfe yerdlonde, w*ith* the mede & hys p*er*tinence*s*, warantiꝛyd acquitid & defendyd, to the foreseyd churche of Godestowe & to the mynchons there seruinge god, a-geynyst all pepull for euyr, fro all seculer exaccion, demaunde, & sute of courte: &, that hys yefte & graunt & the confirmacion of hys wrytynge shuld byde stable & vnbroke for euyr, he put to hys seele: & is w*ith*-out dat*e*.

[298.] * Chartur of Gefrey brocher of blechesdon of ix. acris & a halfe & of j. fore*re* & a half acre of mede paynge thereof j. d at estur.

*** leaf XI or 23. About 1250.**

Sale to Godstow, by Jeffrey Brocher, of a quarter yardland, viz. 9½ acres and a headland of arable, partly in Hampton-Gay,

THE sentence of thys chartur is that Gefrey brocher of blechesdon gaf & gr*au*ntyd, & confirmyd w*ith* hys wrytynge, to god & to oure lady & to the churche of seynt Iohn̄ baptyst of Godestowe & to the mynchons there seruinge god & to serue for euyr, ix. acris of londe & j. halfe & j. fore[1] & j. halfe acre of mede of hys londe;

of the whyche ij. lyen in the felde of geytysh*a*mpton, that is to sey, j. that liethe in walden by-twyx the londe of the Abbot of Oseney & the felde of blechesdon the whyche is callyd danichis acre, & on othyr acre in collowe the whych lieth by-twene ij. acris of the abbot*e* of Oseney; & the[2] iij., in the felde of blechesdon, the whyche liethe by-twene karsewelle broc & the londe of Osbert templer; and j. halfe acre [in] broclongesfurlonge, nyhe þe londe of dame helene in the northe p*er*te; & j. acre in mapeldurestuppe nyhe the londe of the church in the southe p*er*t; & j. halfe acre, that is to sey, the hode of pynnockysmul; & halfe an acre in bredcrofte, the whyche lieth bytwene the londe of the abbas of Godestowe & the londe of Rog*er* of aumary; & halfe an acre in longefurlonge, by-twene the londe of Robert templer & the londe of walt*er* prestecote; & half an acre in westefelde, the whyche is callyd wilmoteshalfeacre, the whyche lieth by-twene the londe of Robert brocher of kyrtlingeton in the sowthe p*er*t; & half an acre in the mydul of

[1] In the enumeration of items, a half-acre and the headland are left out.

[2] i.e. the third of the acres.

longefurlonge, the whyche lieth by-twene the londe of walter prestecote & the londe of Goffe petith: & ij. acres in gaystescrofte:

and half an acre of meadow,

& halfe j. acre of mede in sudere, 4

to be had & to be holde to the seyd mynchons, of hym & of hys heyrys, frely & quietly, fully & holly, paynge there-of yerly to hym & to hys heyrys j. d̃ at estur for all̃ seruice, exaccion, & demaunde: & the seyde Gefre & hys heyrys warantiȝed̃ all̃ the 8 foreseyd londe, with all̃ hys pertinences, to the foreseyd mynchons of Godestowe, or to whom-so-euyr they wille assyne hit, a-geynyst all̃ men & women. And for thys graunt, yeft, confirmacion, & warantiȝynge, the foreseyd̃ mynchons yaf to hym 12 xj. marke, ij. shillings, viij. d̃, in warysumme, & that these foreseyd̃ thyngys shulden byde sure & vnbroke for euyr, he confermyd hyt with hys seele, thys chartur a-fore wretyn; & is with-oute date. 16

subject to 1*d.* quit-rent.

Purchase-money, £7 9*s.* 4*d.*

* leaf XI or 23, back. About 1250. Sale to Godstow, by Jeffrey Brocher,

[299.] *A chartur of Gefrey le brocher of blechesdon of ij. d̃.

THE sentence of thys euydence is that Gefre brocher gaf grauntyd & quietid haþe claymyd[1] ij. d̃ of yerly rent, for hym & hys heyrys or hys assynys, to god & to the churche of our̃ lady & of seynt Iohn̄ baptiste of Godestowe, & to the holy mynchons there seruinge god & to serue for euyr, & to her successours, in-to fre pure & perpetual almys, in the whyche ij. d̃. the fore-seyd holy mynchons wer̃ bounde to hym & to hys heyrys or to hys assynys. The foreseyd holy mynchons & her̃ successours 24 were bownde to pay the foreseyd̃ ij. d̃ for a londe the whyche they hyldyn of hym in the felde of blechesdon by the seruice of the forseyd ij. d̃: &, for thys quiete-clayme of the seyd ij. d̃, the forseyd holy mynchons gaf to hym halfe a marke of sterlingys 28 to quite hym of the Iurye in the towne of Oxenforde, that is to sey, a-geynst Iamys of london, Iue fitȝ Moysy: & the seyde Gefrey brocher & hys heyrys or hys assynys warantiȝyd to the seyd holy mynchons & her̃ successours & defendyd̃ for euyr ther̃ 32 foreseyd̃ ij. d̃ of the foreseyd̃ yerly rent: &, that hys ȝyft graunt and quiete-clayme myht be sure & stronge, he put to thys wrytynge hys seele.

of 2*d.* quit-rent over Godstow land,

Purchase-money, 6*s.* 8*d.*

[Debt to Oxford Jews.]

[1] *Sic*, for 'quit-claimed,' or 'claimed to be quiet.'

[300.] * The chartur of martyn clerk fitz Martyn of blechesdon.

* leaf X or 22, back. About 1240.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Martyn clerk, fitz martyn, of Blechesdun, yaf grauntyd & confirmyd with hys wrytynge to henry styuor of hampton, for hys * homage & seruice & for xxx. *shillings* of syluyr the whyche the foreseyd henry gafe by-fore hondys to the seyd martyn in warisumme, a place of hys court, conteynynge of brede xxxvj. feete, & of lengethe fro the kynges wey on to the court of laurens . . .[1], & hyt lieth by-twyx the londe that the foreseyd martyn solde to Iohn pilet of Oxenford & the dowry of hys modyr pernell, to be holde & had to the same henry & to hys heyrys or to all othyr who-so-euyr they be, & whenne-so-euyr, he wyllyth to gyfe hyt, sylle, be-quethe or to assyne hyt, of the forseyd martyn & hys heyrys, frely & quietly well and pesibly, in all liberteis & eisementes longynge to the fore-seyd londe in all places for euyr, paynge ther-of yerly to hym & to hys heyrys ij. d at the fest of seynt Iohn baptiste for all seruice, custome, & all seculer demaunde, savynge the outward seruice, that is to sey, j. d whenne the scuage rennythe or happenyth: & the seyd martyn & hys heyrys warantizid acquitid & defendyd the foreseyd place of longe with the pertinences to the forseyd henry & to hys heyrys or assynys what-so-euyr they be, a-geynyst all pepull for euyr: & that hys yeft, graunt, warantizynge, & confirmacion of thys wrytynge myht haue strengeth & surenesse, he strengthyd hyt with the pryntynge of hys seel: & is with-out date.

Sale to Henry Stywor, * leaf XI or 23. by Martin clerk, of a piece of land, subject to 2*d.* quit-rent, and to payment of 1*d.* when scutage is asked.

[301.] * Chartur of william fitz henry fitz Robert of blechesdon of on acre & of on yerdlonde paynge yerly a peny at estur.

* leaf XII or 24. About 1240.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that william the sone of henry the sone of Robert of blechesdon grauntyd, & confirmyd by hys wrytynge, to henry stiwar of hampton, for hys homage & seruice, j. acre & j. yerde of arable[2] londe in the felde of blechesdon, the whyche londe the fore-seyde henry hys fadur gaf to the fore-seyd henry stywar by hys chartur, wher-of j. halfe acre

Sale to Henry Stywor, by William son of Henry, of two half-acres,

[1] This gap, for a measurement, occurs also in the Latin.

[2] *Erable, wrought hull, walden, l. yarde* (*i.e.* longeherde), in margin.

lieth vppon wrothull nyhe the londe of Iohn̄ morban, & j. halfe
and a rood, acre in tewalden nyhe the londe of the seyd Iohn̄, & j. yerd
lieth in longeherde nyhe the londe of the churche, to be had & to
be holde, of hym & of hys heyrys, to the foreseyd henry stywar 4
& to hys heyrys or to whosoeuyr & whenne-so-euyr he wyllythe
to gyfe sylle byquethe or to assyne hyt, frely & quietly, welle &
quit-rent 1*d.* at Easter. in peece, for euyr, paynge ther-of to hym & to hys heyrys j. d.
at estur, for all seruice, custome, sute of courte & all seculer 8
demaunde: & þe seyde wylliam & hys heyrys warantizid
acquited & defendyd all the foreseyd londe w*ith* hys p*er*tinence*s*
to the fore-seyd henry, & to hys heyrys or assynys, a-geynyste
all man*er* of pepull: & for thys graunt & confirmacion the seyd 12
henry gaf to hym ix. d of syluyr in warysone: and that thys
graunt myht be stronge & sure for-euyr, he sette to thys
wrytynge hys seele; & is w*ith*-out date.

* leaf XI or 23. About 1250.

[302.] *A chartur of henry stywor of blechesdon of hys mese & lond*es* þ*a*t he haþe in blechesdon.

Sale to Godstow, by Henry Stywor, * leaf XI or 23, back.

THE sentence of thys chartur is that henry stywor of bleches- 16
don gaf, grauntyd, & confirmyd by wrytynge, to god & to the
churche of our lady & of seynt Iohn bap*tiste of Godestowe, &
to the holy mynchons there seruynge god & to serue for eu*er*,
alle hys tenement in the towne of blechesdon, w*ith* all hys 20
of no. 300; p*er*tinence*s*, & all hys erable londe in the feelde of blechesdon &
in the felde of Geytysh*a*mpton: that is to say, that mese that
he had of martyn clerke fitz martyn of blechesdon, that con-
teynyth in brede xxxvj. feete & in lengyth fro the kyngys wey 24
vn-to the court of laurence & hyt liethe by-twene the londe of
Iohn̄ pilet of Oxenford & the dowry of p*er*nell the moder of
and of 1 acre 1 rood in Bletching-don; the seyd martyn; & j. acre of londe & j. rode of erable[1] londe in
the felde of blechesdon, where-of halfe an acre lieth vppon 28
worthehull nyhe the londe of Iohn̄ morvan, & half an acre lieth
in tewalden nyhe the londe of Iohn morvan, & j. rode lieth in
the longe-herd nyhe the londe of the churche of blechesdon; &
and of 1 acre and a gore in j. acre & j. gore of arable londe in the felde of Gaytysh*a*mpton, 32
that is to sey, in geytyscrofte a-longe the dyche of Gefrey

[1] 'Erabill, wrought hill, walden, long-yard*es*, erabile,' in margin; apparently in later, cursive hand.

brocher; & all the dyche, *with* all hys *per*tinen*ces*; & j. yerde the whyche by-gynnythe fro the dyche that is callyd bradcrofte, & strecchyth hym-selfe[1] to the kyng*es* wey euyn *with* the dyche a-fore-seyd; & halfe an acre of londe, *with* the heed to the same longynge, in the felde of blechesdon, that is to sey in telthe, the whyche is callid the wodelonde, & lieth by-twene the londe of Robert fitz stephyn & the londe of walt*er* prestecote; & also iij. yerdys the whych lien to-gyd*ur* in clistirlonge[2] by-twene the londe of the seyd walt*er* *pre*stecote & þe londe of Robert bruer: to be holde & to be had all the foreseyd mese, *with* all hys *per*tinen*ces*, also *with* all the foreseyd londe, to the seyde mynchons & to her successours, & *with* all the eysement*es* *with*-in the towne & *with*-oute, frely & quietly, welle & in peece & holly for euyr, paynge therof yerly seruice dewe & wonyd to the lordys of the fee, as hyt is conteynyd in the charturs the whyche he had of þe foreseyde tenement*es*, that is to sey, to martyn clerk fitz martyn, ij. d at the natiuite of seynt Iohn baptiste, & j. d to the scuage whenne hyt happynnyth, & j. d to william fitz henry fitz Robert at estur, for all seculer seruice, custome, & sute of courte: & the foreseyde henry stywor & hys eyrys or assynys warantized acquietyd & defendyd for euyr all the foreseyd mese *with* all hys *per*tinen*ces* & all the foreseyd londe, as hyt is byfore seyd, to the seyd mynchons & to her successours, ageynyst all men & women: & that all these aforeseyd thyngys myght be sure & stable, he put to hys wryty*n*ge hys seele; & is *with*-out date.

Hampton Gay; and of a ditch, and a rood of land; and half-an-acre, and three roods of land; subject to quit-rents, as in no. 300, and no. 301.

[303.] * A chartur of Gefrey brocher of blechesdon for the rent of iij. d. of þe londe of stiwor.

* leaf XII or 24. About 1250. Sale to Godstow, by Jeffrey Brocher, of 3*d*. quit-rent over lands late of Henry Stywor (as in nos. 300

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Gefrey brocher of blechesdon gaf, *gra*untyd, & confirmyd *with* hys wrytynge, to the churche of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestow, & to the mynchons ther seruynge god & to serue for euyr, iij. d of yerly rent in þe town of blechesdon, in-to fre pur & *per*petual almys, *with* all hys Ryht & accionall maner, *with*-in the towne & *with*-out the towne, that myht falle to hym by that tenant*ri*e that henry

[1] '.;. .;. a diche,' in margin.
[2] ? *clifurlonge*, with the cross of the *t* misplaced.

and 301), and of contingent rights over same lands.

stiphor hylde of hym in that seyde town, that is to sey, in wardys, relefys, & eschetes, so that that same henry stiphor pay the seyd iij. d̃ here-aftur, the whyche a-fore-tyme he payde to hym, so that the seyd̃ mynchons & her̃ successours haue the same power̃ to distreyne & to take the same henry stiphor & hys heyrys with-in the towne & with-oute, yf he be by-hynde of hys rent: for thys yft graunt and warantizinge the seyd mynchons of Godestowe gaf to hym iij. shillings in waryson, & the seyd Gefrey brocher & hys heyrys or his assynys warantizid & defendyd to þe seyd mynchons the seyd̃ rent of iij. d̃ a-geynyst all̃ men & women for euyr: & that hys yft, graunt, & warantizinge shulde be stronge & sure, he put to hyt hys seele: & is with-out date.

About 1250.

[304.] The chartur of Gefrey brocher of half an acre londe.

Sale to Godstow, by Jeffrey Brocher, of half an acre.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Gefrey brocher gaf, grauntyd, & confirmyd̃ by wrytynge, to the churche of seynt Iohn̄ baptiste of Godestowe & to the mynchons there seruinge god, in-to fre pure & perpetuell̃ almys, an half acre of londe in the felde of blechesdon, that is to sey, that same the whych they hyldyn to ferme of hym, as it is conteynyd̃ in the chartur made by-twene hem: & that thys gyft, graunt, & * confirmacion myht haue strengethe & surete for euyr to the seyde mynchons & to her successours, for hym & hys heyrys, he sett to hys seele: & is with-out date.

* leaf XII or 24, back.

[Bloxham.]

[Note.—At the dissolution in 1540 (*Monast.* iv. 373) Bloxham rectory was farmed out for £21 yearly, and Godstow received also £1 for quit-rents from certain freeholds. Godstow paid to 'the king's court or Bewcham's court' 13*s.* 11*d.* as quit-rent to the lord of the manor for two yardlands, and also the £3 6*s.* 8*d.* pension to Westminster Abbey (no. 308). See also in Milcombe, *infra.*]

[1. Deeds relating to the Rectory.]

* leaf XIIII, or 26, back.

[305.] * Chartur of the chauntery e of bloxham.

About 1176.

Grant to

The sentence of thys chartur is that seffryde, archedyacun of Chychestur & parsone of the churche of our̃ lady of bloxham, for the love of god & the blessyd virgine Marye, gafe the

chaunt*er*y of the churche of our lady of bloxh*am* in-to p*er*petuel almys to Robert hys chapleyn of porchestre, the aut*erage* w*ith* all offrynge*s* . . .[1] longynge to the aut*er*, & the tythe of flex 4 w*ith* þe smalle tythys of sylu*er* w*ith* halfe . . .[1]. And that hys chartur sholde be ferme & stable he confermyd hyt w*ith* hys seele: & is w*ith*-out date.

Robert of Porchester, by Seffrid, rector of Bloxham, of a chantry in Bloxham church.

[Note.—This deed means the institution of, and the setting the stipend of, a permanent chaplain to perform the duties of the church, for an absentee rector. The Latin has 'scilicet altar. cum omnibus oblationibus et diversis ad altare pertinentibus et decimam lini cum decimis minutis argenti cum medietate digesarum (?).' The small tithe of silver probably means the halfpennies and pence paid as tithe of the increase of cattle. Dr. John Cowell's *The Interpreter* (1637), under the head *Tithe* says :—'Wherefore those customes of paying a halfe penny for a Lambe, or a penny for a Calfe, by such as have under seven in one yeare, how long soever it hath indured, is but very unreasonable in these dayes, when both Lambes and Calves are growne foure times dearer, and more then they were when this price was first accepted. And therefore no man dischargeth well his conscience in this point that payeth not duly the tenth of every Lambe, every Calfe, and every other thing titheable.' See also in no. 871. The deed is headed in the Latin *Canteria ecclesiae de Bloxham*, and the witnesses are Walter, archdeacon of Oxford; Jeffrey, Nicholas, and Roger, chaplains of the king; and Gowin, dean [? rural dean of Deddington]. Seffrid was archdeacon of Chichester 1176–8, and occurs dean of Chichester in 1180.]

[306.] * A yfte of the churche of bloxh*am* by kynge henry.

* leaf XII or 24, back. About 1180. Grant to Godstow, by Henry II, of a pension of 2*s*. out of Bloxham church, and of the reversion of the rectory after death of Roger Clifford.

The sentence of thys chartur & yfte is, that henry, by the 8 grace of god kynge of ynglond duke of Normandy & of gyen & eryl of aungey, grauntyd, & gaf, & confirmyd by hys wrytynge, to god & to the churche of our lady of Godestowe & to the holy mynchons there seruinge god, the churche of 12 Bloxh*am* w*ith* all hys p*er*tinenc*es*, in-to fre & p*er*petuel almys, so that Rog*er* clifford helde hyt in her name all hys lyfe, vndur a yerly pencion of j. besaunt to be payd to hem; &, aftur the deceas of the forseyd Rog*er*, he wyllyd that the forseyd churche 16 of Bloxh*am* w*ith* all hys p*er*tinenc*es* turne ageyne fully to the fore-seyde holy mynchons of Godestowe in-to her vses & possessions: where-fore he willid & commaundid that the fore-seyde holy mynchons of Godestowe sholde haue & holde, welle 20 & in peece, freely & quietly, fully & holly & worshypfully, w*ith* all hys liberteis, the fore-namyd churche of Bloxh*am* w*ith* all hys p*er*tynens: & is w*ith*-out date.

[1] Left blank in the MS.

About 1180.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Walter, archdeacon of Oxford 1175–82, of no. 306.

[307.] The chartur of walter Archedecun of Oxenford.

THE sentence of thys chartur is that walter, archedecun of Oxenford, of the office of hys archedecunry, at the presentynge & graunt of henry, kynge of yngelonde þe sone of molde the imperas, gafe, & confirmyd with hys wrytynge, to the holy mynchons of Godestowe, the churche of Bloxham with all hys pertinences, sauynge þe ryht of the churche of lincolne & hys. He institued the fore-namyd holy my[n]chons in-to the personage of the fore-namyd churche, sauynge the ryht of Roger clifford, the whyche was to haue the same churche in ther name durynge hys lyfe for a pension of j. besaund to be payd yerly to the fore-wryte mynchons at estur; & is with-out date.

[silver bezant = 28.]

*leaf XIII or 25. 1197, June 14. Quit claim to Godstow, by Westminster Abbey, *leaf XIII or 25, back. after appeal to Rome,

[308.] *A chartur of the pension of Bloxham I-made to the abbot of westmynster.

THE sentence of thys euydence is, that ther was a stryfe by-twene the abbot & couent of westmynster vppon that on part, & þe abbas & couent of Godestowe * vppon that oþer part, for the churche of Bloxham, vppon the whyche ther was made a delegacie downe to the bisshoppe of lincolne & to the abbotes of seynt alban & of stratford fro the pope, by wos menys ther was a freyndely composicion I-made vndur thys forme:—that they, consyderynge the religion & the honeste of þe holy mynchons of the fore-seyde howse, & hauynge compassion to the pouerte of the same, with oone assent grauntyd & yafe in-to perpetual almys to the fore-seyde holy mynchons the churche of bloxham with all hys pertinences, fully & holly, to be had & take in-to possession for euyr, & all the ryht that the foreseyd abbot & Couent had in the fore-seyde churche they gafe hyt to the churche of seynt Iohn̄ baptyste of Godestowe & to the holy mynchons there seruinge god, & they claymyd hem to be in rest, sauynge to the fore-seyde abbot & Covent a pension of v. marke, the whyche they wer wonyde of olde tyme to take of the same churche, the whyche pension the fore-seyde mynchons owyn to pay yerly to the sexten of the churche of westmynster by-fore rehersyd, to the lyht of the auter, at two termys of the yere; that is to say, with-in the vtas of the fest of all seyntes, ij. marke & a halfe, & with-in

of Westminster Abbey's claim to tithes in Bloxham parish, in consideration of a rent-charge of £3 6s. 8d. to be paid yearly to the light of the altar at Westminster. [Utas = octave.]

the vtas of wytsontyde, ij. marke & a halfe. Thys composicion was made bytwene the fore-seyde abbot & Couent & the fore-seyde abbas & mynchons, the yere of the in-carnacion of owre
4 lorde M[l].Cxcvij, the viij. yeꝛ of kynge Ric*hard*, the iij. day aftur the feste of seynt barnabe the apostle, at westmynt*er* by the mene of hubert, archebyshoppe of Cawnturbery & legate of ouꝛ holy faduꝛ þᵉ pope, & that worshypfull man h*u*gh, abbot
8 of abendon, laborynge & helpynge to thys composicion ; and þ*a*t heꝛ composicion sholde be suꝛ, afturwarde they put to heꝛ seelys, & is wyth-oute date.

[Hubert Walter, archbishop 1193–1203.]

[309.] A confirmacion of the bysshoppe of lincoln*e* of the pension grauntyd at westmynst*er*.

1197, June 14.

Confirmation to Godstow, by bishop Hugh (of Avalon), of no. 308.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that the contrau*er*sie
12 & bate by-twene þᵉ abbot & mu*n*kys of seynt peturs of west-mynst*er* & þᵉ holy mynchons of Godestowe, vppon the churche of bloxh*a*m, was leyid̃ a-slepe & cesyd for eu*er*, w*ith* the co*m*-mune assent of þᵉ p*ar*tyes, by thys man*er* of transaccion a-fore
16 vs, H*ugh* by the grace of God bysshoppe of lincoln*e*, j. & b. abbot*es* of seynt alban & of stratford̃, delegat*es* in the causes of pope celestine þᵉ iij., and by thys mene. The foreseyd̃ abbot & Couent of westmynst*er* considerynge þᵉ religiosnys & honestees
20 of the holy mynchons of þᵉ fore-seyd̃ hows of Godestowe, & hauynge compassion to heꝛ pou*er*te, g*ra*untyd & yafen w*ith* on assent, in-to puꝛ & p*er*petual almys to the seyd holy mynchons, the churche of bloxh*a*m w*ith* all hys p*er*tinences, fully & holly
24 for euyr, to be had̃ & to be take in-to possession. Also þei gafe & g*ra*untyd̃ to hem all the ryht that they haddyn in þ*a*t same churche to the church of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & claymyd̃ hyt to be quietid̃ & in rest to þᵉ holy mynchons
28 ther seruynge god, sauynge a yerly pension of v. marke of silu*er*, the whyche they weꝛ wonyd̃ to take in olde tyme of the same churche of bloxh*a*m, the whyche pension the fore-seyd̃ holy mynchons shulde pay yerly to the sexteyn of seynt pet*ur*s of
32 westmynst*ur* at two t*er*mys of the yeꝛ, that is to sey, w*ith*-in þᵉ vtas of þᵉ feste of all seynt*s*, ij. marke & a halfe, & w*ith*-in the feste of whytsontyd, ij. marke & an halfe, to the lyht of the hye aut*er*. Furþ*er*more, dame Iulian, the abbas of Godestowe, & þᵉ

holy mynchons of the same place, promisid, by her trowth & very trewe feythe & playn conscience a-fore god, also by an othe I-made by the mowthe of Waleranne her chapleyn by hys trowthe vppon her sowlis, hys hande leyde vppon the hoolly godspelys, that they sholde neuyr seke to ony man or to ony men by hem or by ony persone by-twene them ony craft or gyle whereby the foreseyde churche of westmynstur sholde haue lessynge or alieninge of the fore-namyd pension, or that the forseyd couent sholde not take & receyue the foreseyd yerly rent by the hande of þe sexten at the termys ordeyned, hooly & with-oute ony a-geyne-holdyng, & all manner occasion of lettynge: *and þat thys transaccion sholde be holde truly & surely for euyr, they confermyd hyt with her wrytynge & by puttynge to of her seelys. And thys transaccion or translacion by-twene hem was don the yere fro the incarnacion of our lorde M[l].Cxcvij, þe iij. day aftur the feste of seynt barnabe the apostle, by the mene of the personys by-fore rehersyd in the othyr chartur by-fore.

*leaf XIIII or 26.

[Barnabas = June 11.]

* leaf XII or 24, back. About 1270.

[310.] *Chartur of aumary seynt amande, fitz Raph seynt amande, of tythys of hys tenantrie in bloxham.

Grant to Godstow, by Amary St. Amand (died 1286)

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that aumary seynt amunde, fitz Raph seynt amunde, for the loue of god & in wey of charyte for the helthe of hys soule & for the soulis of hys aunceturs, gafe, grauntyd, & confirmyd by hys wrytynge, for hym & hys heyrys, to god & to our lady seynt mary & to the churche of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to the mynchons ther seruynge god & to serue for euir-more, in-to fre pure & perpetual almys, all þe tithis comynge forthe of all hys tenauntryes in the parisshe of Bloxham, boþe more tythys & lesse, as well of hys demayne & of hys courte as of the londe of hys tenauntes in the same parysshe, that is to sey, all tythys wonyd customable & dewe, to be had & holde in-to the[ir] owne vses, to the seyd abbas & mynchons for euyr, as frely & quietly as ony almys may be gyf: & that hys yft graunt & confirmacion shulde be sure for euyr, he put to hys seele: & is with-out date.

of tithe over all his possessions in Bloxham parish.

[311.] *An Instrument I-made by Iohn toste, a comune notarye, of the church of bloxham.

* leaf XV or 27, back. About 1310. Declaration that Godstow is under no obligation

THE sentence of thys instrument is þat it was detecte & shewyd to Iohn hauberk, bacheler of boþe lawys, comyssary I-ordeynyd in þe ordinarye visitacion of þat worshypful fadur in cryst, Iohn[1], bysshoppe of lincolne, in þe archedenuryes of Oxenforde & buckyngeham, þe religius women, the abbas of Godestowe and couent of þe same monastery, lawefully getyng in-to her owñ vses by longe tymys of succession in þe seyde churche of bloxham, & not alonly þey but all her successours in her tymys in þe same churche fro tyme & by tyme out of mynde, hyt haþe be shewyd þat hyt hathe not be vsyd of dewte, noþer of no oþer lawefull maner, fro þe tyme of þe vnion & of þe appropurynge of þe seyde churche of bloxham, for[2] [to] distribute also & to gefe to þe power nedy parysshens of bloxham euery woke & euery ȝere halfe a quarter of corne menglyd, þat is to sey, of whete corne & of rye; and they haue preuyd þat þey with-drowe no dewete þat was wonyd & vsyd, whenne they apperyd a-fore vs in iuggement in þe day & place in þe whyche þey wer callyd, we haue dymyttyd hem fro þe impetission[3] of our office in thys parte by decre. Vppon þe whyche dimission Iohn tost, clerke, of lincoln, a comyn notary & commissare of þe seyde maystur Iohn hauberke actor a-foreseyde scribe, put to hys notarye syne.

to distribute wheat and rye mixed, to yearly amount of £1 6*s.* 8*d.* in weekly doles to the poor of Bloxham.

[312.] *A chartur of tythys grauntyd by Roger beauchampe, knyht, of Bloxham.

* leaf XII or 24, back. 1346, June 11. Grant to Godstow, by Sir Roger Beauchamp, of the tithes (*a*) of his demesne land and

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Roger beauchampe, knyht, & lorde of bloxham, gaf, grauntyd, & confermyd with hys wrytynge, to god & to our lady seynt mary & to seynt Iohñ baptiste, & to Molde beauchamp, abbas of Godestowe, hys aunte, & to the Mynchons there seruynge god, for hys soule & for the soules of hys auncetours & of hys heyrys, the tythys of all hys londes & tenantryes of bloxham; & also of all hys lond,

[1] Probably John D'aldreby, bishop 1300–19.

[2] The Latin is: 'medietatem quartarii grani mixti viz. frumenti et seliginis singulis septimanis et singulis annis pauperibus parochianis distribuere pariter et errogare.'

[3] The Latin adds that the parishioners had no legal document to show in establishment of their claim.

tenants' lands in Bloxham; (*b*) of his own and his tenants' woodlands and assarts in the Bloxham portion of Wychwood forest.

tenau*n*tries, & of hys vndurwod*es* in a wode i-callyd' the Quenewode in the forest of whychewode longynge to the seyd man*er* of bloxh*a*m; and also of all hys londys, medewys, pastur*es*, vndurwodys [1] I-fellyd & to be fellyd, vndur thys forme that [2] the seyd abbas & hyr successessours [3] haue & take for euyr all man*er* tythys of vndurwodys, & of all sheuys of all man*er* greynys of corne, & also of hey, pastur*e*, or of p*rofites* of pastur*es*, w*ith* the*r*e p*er*tinenc*es*, in the wode callyde Quenewode in the foreste a-fore-seyd'; & that the seyde abbas & mynchons sholde haue * & take all tythys a-fore-seyd', to hem-selfe & to her successours, frely quietly well & pesibly, in-to fre pure & p*er*petuel almys for euyr, he put hys seell vn-to witnes ther-of, at bloxh*a*m [4], in the fest of seynt barnabe the apostle, the yere of þe reyne of kynge Edwarde the thrydde aftur the conqueste xx.

*leaf XIII or 25.

[2. Deeds relating to lands.]

[313. * Charter of Osbert of Hedyndon concerning a half-hide of land in Bloxham.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 191. A.D. 1174. Grant to Godard, by Osbert, of a half-hide of land, subject to work-days in haytime and harvest.

Osbert of Hydindon granted to Godard son of Edwin May and to his heirs a half-hyde in Bloxham, subject to 10*s*. quit-rent for all services (except the king's service [5]), and to customary works, viz. one day with one man in summer to mow Osbert's meadow, and three bid-days [6] in harvest with two men, one bid-day being at Osbert's cost, the others at Godard's own. The full half of these works were to be done for Godstow. For this grant Godard did homage to Osbert and paid him 20*s*. Date—in the year post [7] decessum exercitus Leicestriae.

Witnesses:—John of Bruton, Alexander of Myldecumbe, Robert of Wytham, Ralph of Edburbury [8], Walter of Edburbury, Ralph father of Gilebert.]

[1] In the Latin it is: 'subbosc*orum* assertatorum et assertandorum.'

[2] i. e. so that.

[3] *Sic.*

[4] Among the witnesses are Sir William of Shareshull, knight; Richard of Williamescote; Thomas of Langele.

[5] 'excepto regali.'

[6] 'precariae.'

[7] The pipe-roll of 19 Henry II, pp. 58, 107, 173, 178, contains payments for the army sent under Richard de Lucy and Reginald earl of Cornwall to besiege Leicester in July 1173.

[8] Adderbury, Oxon.

[314.] * A Chartur I-made to Raph ben.

* leaf XIIII or 26, back. 1287, Nov. 5. Grant by Godstow, to Ralph Ben, of a corrody and a pension,

THE sentence of thys chartur is, þat Mably abbas of Godestowe & heꝝ couent, with on consent & for þe sake of charite, grauntyd to Raph ben, I-callid of bloxham, mete & drynke as longe as he leuyd in heꝝ hows of Godestowe or where so euer he were in there fre seruice; also halfe a marke of sylver yerly at two termys to be take, that is to sey, at the annunciation of ouꝝ lady in marche iij. shillings iiij. d. & at Myhelmasse iij. shillings iiij. d.: & yf hyt happe that the fore-seyd Raph be convicte * vppon ony cryme or trespas, but þat he may purge hym-selfe by trewe men, he sholde not haue þe foreseyde halfe marke of hem noþer of heꝝ successours tyll þat he haue purgede hym selfe of þe cryme or trespas I-put vppon hym; noþer hyt sholde not be lawfull to þe foreseyde Raph to make a testament, but that all hys goodys sholde remayne & a-byde to the prophite of þe hows of Godestowe: for thys graunt þe foreseyde Raph relesyde to þe mynchons a-fore-namyd, & claymyd vtturly to be in rest for hym & hys heyrys, j. mese in þe town of bloxham & viij. acris of arable londe, halfe an acre of mede, & j. rode perteynynge to the seyde mese, whom or whyche the fadur of þe seyde raph sum-tyme helde of þe fee of þe foreseyde mynchons, so þat þe foreseyde Raph, noþer by hym-selfe noþer by none in hys name, sholden mowe to aske ne to chalenge afturward ony ryht or clayme in the seyde mese with þe viij. acris, halfe an acre of mede, & j. rode. In-to wytnys of the whyche þe partyes puttyn to þer seeles, euyryche a-gaynyste oþer, to theꝝ wrytynge I-made þer-of, þe date at Godestowe þe wodynsday aftur þe feste of all seyntes, þe yere of þe reyne of þe kynge Edwarde, þe sone of kynge henry, xv.

* leaf XV or 27.

on his surrender of his goods,

messuage, and lands.

[315.] * A chartur[1] of henry fitz Edwyne of a yerde-londe & mesys & alle othyr pertinences.

* leaf XIIII or 26. About 1270. Quit-claim to Godstow, by Henry son of Edwyne, of the re-

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that henry fitz Edwyne of bloxham, by þe assent & wille of sibille hys wyfe, gafe & grauntyd & confirmyd with hys wrytynge, for þe helþe of hys sowle & of hys wyfe & of hys auncetors, to god & to the churche

[1] This is one of the instances in which the transcriber of the Exchequer MS. uses French instead of Latin. The rubric is: 'Encunter Henri meriot de Blokesham,'

version to a Godstow yardland.

of our*e* lady & of seynt Iohn baptyste of Godestowe & to the mynchons þ*er* seruynge god, in-to pur & p*er*petuel almys, a yerdelonde w*ith* þ^e^ mesys & oþ*er* p*er*tinenc*es* in þ^e^ town of bloxh*am*, þ*at* is to sey, that yerdlonde þ^e^ whyche hys fadur Edwyne hylde of þ^e^ same mynchons, & he aftur hym: & he claymyde all the ryht þ*at* he had in þ*at* londe or myht haue to be quite & in rest, to the foreseyd mynchons w*ith*-oute ony a-gayne-seynge, lessenynge, & ony a-gayne-holdynge, for hym & hys heyrys: & lest þ*at* hyt myht her-aftur be w*ith*-drawe, he put to thys wrytynge hys seele: & is wyth-oute date.

About 1280.

[316.] A chartur of þ^e^ abbas of Godestowe I-made to william picke.

Grant by Godstow, to William Picke,

purchase money, £3 6*s.* 8*d.*, of the yardland (no. 315).

THE sentence of thys euidence is, that Isowde deram, abbas of Godestowe, & þ^e^ cou*en*t of þ^e^ same place, gafe, grauntyd, & confermyd by her wrytynge, for hem & her successours, to william picke of Bloxh*am*, for hys homage & seruice & v. marke of sterling*es*, all þ^e^ tenauntrye þ*at* henry Meriot & sibille hys wyfe helden of hem in bloxh*am* þ^e^ dayes in the whyche they deyed, þe whyche tenauntrie fylle to hem by þ^e^ dethe of þ^e^ foreseyde henry & sibille, to be had & to be hold, to þ^e^ same william & to hys heyrys lawfully I-gete & to be gete of þ^e^ seyd william & of hys laufull wyfe, of þ^e^ *seyde mynchons & of her successours, frely & quietly well & pesibly holy & herytably foreuyr, paynge þ*er*of yerly, to hem & to her successours, ij. s*hillings* vj. d at iiij. t*er*mys of þ^e^ yere, þ*at* is to sey, at cristemasse, vij. d ob.; at our lady day in marche, vij. d ob.; at mydsum*ur*, vij. d ob.; & at Myhelmasse, vij. d ob.; for all seculer seruices, sut*es*, exaccions & demau*n*dys all man*er*: & þe foreseyde abbas & couent of Godestowe warantized acquited and defendyd to þ^e^ foreseyd william picke & to hys heyrys a-fore-seyde all þ^e^ foreseyd tenauntrye w*ith* hys p*er*tinenc*es*, by the foreseyde seruic*es*, a-geynyst all pepull: & þ*at* all these a-fore-seyde þyng*es* sholde be sure & stronge, þ^e^ seyd mynchons put to her seele.

* leaf XIIII or 26, back.

Quit-rent, 2*s.* 6*d.*

* leaf XIIII or 26. 129⅝.

[317.] * Chartur of william picke of bloxh*am* of a tenauntrye wyth hys p*er*tinenc*es*.

Grant to Godstow,

THE sentence of thys euidence is, þ*at* william picke of bloxh*am* gafe & grauntyd, & confermyd w*ith* hys wrytynge, to god & to

the churche of our lady & of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & aliȝ Gorgis then abbas & to the couent of þe same place & her successours, all hys tenauntrye w*ith* hys p*er*tinenc*es* þ*at* henry 4 Meriot & sibill hys wyfe su*mm*e tyme helden in bloxh*am*, all-so w*ith* all þe gardyn, to be had & to be holde to þe foreseyde aliȝ, abbas of Godestowe, & to the Couent & her successours, of the seyde william picke & hys heyrys or hys assynys, frely quietly 8 well & pesibly holy & as herytage for euyr, paynge to the chefe lordys of þe same fee all seruic*es* þ*er*ofe dew & wonyd: & william picke & hys heyrys or hys assynys warantiȝed acquited & defendyd, to þe foreseyde aliȝ, abbas, & to the couent, & succes- 12 sours of þe same of Godestowe, all þe forseyde tenauntries w*ith* all hys p*er*tinenc*es* ageynyste all pepule: & þ*at* all these a-fore-seyde thynges sholde be stronge, he confermyd hyt w*ith* hys seele sette þ*er*-to.

by William Picke, of the yard-land as in nos. 315 and 316.

[318.] * Chartur of william picke of bloxh*am* of a yfte of all hys god meuable & vnmevable.

* leaf XIIII or 26, back. 129⅚, March 9. Sale to Godstow, by William Picke, of all his goods in no. 317.

16 The sentence of þis charter is, þ*at* william picke of bloxh*am* solde & grauntyd to syr*e* Iohn p*er*petuel vicary of bloxh*am* & to henry hys seruaunt, attorney of dame aliȝ, Abbas of Godestowe, & of þe couent of þe same place, all hys goodys meueable & vn- 20 meueable in þe hows þ*at* was his su*mm*e-tyme & in his gardynys of bloxham beynge, so þ*at* noþ*er* he william picke ne none oþ*er* of hys part shold aske or chalenge afturwarde of þe seyde goodys. For þis sale of goodys the seyde Iohn, vicary, & henry, 24 attorney of dame aliȝ Georgis, abbas of Godestowe, & þe couent of þe same place, payd by-fore handys xl. s*hillings* of sterlingys. The dat*e* at bloxh*am*, þe freday next a-fore þe feste of seynt gregory pope, þe ȝere of þe reyne of kynge Edward þe secu*n*de[1] 28 xxiiij. In-to wytnes of þe same he sette hys seele.

[319.] A quite-clayme of yue fitz william picke of all hys ryht in that tenauntrye of bloxh*am*.

129⅚, March 16. Quit-claim to Godstow, by Ivo (son of William) Picke,

The sentence of thys euydence is þ*at* yue þe sone of william picke of bloxh*am* relesyd, for hym & hys heyrys, & claymyd to be in rest for all men of hys part for euyr, to god & to þe

[1] In error for 'Edward the son of King Henry.'

churche of our lady & of seynt Iohn baptyste of Godestowe & to ali3 Georgis, abbas of Godestowe, & to the couent of þe same place & her successours, all the ryht & clayme þat euyr he had or myht haue or sholde haue in ony man*er* wyse in all þat tenauntrye w*ith* all the p*er*tinenc*es* in eu*er*y place, þe whych they had of þe ryht of feffynge of william hys fadur in the towne of bloxh*am* & estsone[1]. He relesyd for hym & hys heyrys, & claymyd to be in rest, to the seyd god & to þe church of our lady & of seynt Iohn̄ baptiste of Godestowe & to dame ali3 Georgis & to the couent & to her successours, all hys ryht & clayme, þ*a*t no*þer* þe same yue, ne none other of hys heyrys, sholde neu*er* axe ne make no chalenge in all þe seyde tenement ne in no part of hyt. In-to wytnes of þe whyche he put to hys seele. I-gefe at bloxham þe freday next aftur þe feste of seynt gregory, þe yer of kynge Edwarde secunde[1] xxiiij.

of all title in no. 316.

[Gregory = March 12.]

[320.] * An assyse I-take at Oxenforde by-twene Rog*er* beuchampe & þe abbas of Godestowe.

* leaf XV or 27. 1397, June 18.

Suit by Godstow, against 14 persons in Bloxham,

* leaf XV or 27, back.

Assise at Oxenforde, a-fore Iohn hulle & hugh huls, Iustic*es* of þe kynge in þe shyre of Oxenforde, to be take þe Moneday assynyd next a-fore þe fest of seynt petur in cathedra, þe yer of þe reyne of kynge Ric*hard* þe secunde xx., come & made knowlych * yf Roger beuchampe, knyht, Iohn chamberleyn of bloxh*am*, walt*er* hopper, Iohn phylyps, Robert large, Iohn kynge, Iohn spencer, william taylour of bloxh*am*, Iohn lawe, Thomas putte, Robert fleccher, Robert preeste, Iohn Taylour of bloxh*am*, & Nicholas helmyndon̄, wrongefully dissesyd Margaret Mounteney, Abbas of Godestowe, of her fre tenement & of a mese & xxxij. acris of londe & of j. acre of mede w*ith* þe p*er*tinenc*es*, wher-of she made hyr playnt: & þe fore-seyde Rog*er* & þe o*þers* come not to answer, but on Iohn at dale answeryd for hem & [3] her baylyfe, and for þe for-seyde Iohn Chamberleyne:

to recover possession of a messuage, with 32 acres arable and 1 acre of meadow.

seythe[4] that the fore-seyde abbas is hyr owne selfe I-seysonde of þe fore-seyde tenant*ri*es I-put in syht w*ith* þe p*er*tinenc*es* as of a fre tenement & was in þe day of the getynge of the brefe & *cetera*, xv. day of Iule þe yere of the reyne of þe kynge þ*a*t

[1] Letters ambiguous: 'estsone' or 'eftsone.'

[2] In error for 'Edward the son of King Henry.'

[3] '&' is in error for 'as.' The Latin is 'tanquam eorum ballivus.'

[4] The Latin is: 'dicitur quod praedicta abbatissa.' This is the Godstow plaint.

was þat tyme of ynglonde xx., & she askyth iuggement of þe brefe & *cetera*. Et si & *cetera*.

& thenne, for þe forseydꝫ Ion chamberleyn & for alle oþer þe
4 forseyde, Iohn at dale seyde þat þey dyd no wronge or dis-
seysynge to þe foreseyde abbas & of þat þey put hem-sylfe
vppon assise: & þe fore-seyde abbas also.

þerfore an assise was takyn by-twene hem. They þat were
8 chose, tryed, & swore, made knowlych, come & seyde vppon þe
othe, þat þe fore-seyde abbas was not heꝫ-selfe I-seysynyt of þe
fore-seyde tenementes I-put in þe lawe with pertinences as of
a fre tenantrie ne was not in the day of þe getynge of þe brefe
12 & *cetera*; & þey seyne þat þe foreseyd abbas & alle her pre- Verdict in favour of Godstow,
decessours of þe foreseyde place weryn seysenyt in þe same
tenantries with þe pertinences as a fre tenement of þe fee &
ryht of heꝫ churche of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe fro
16 tyme out of mynde tille þat þe foreseyde Iohn kynge, william
taylour, & Iohn lawe, dyd make vnryhtfully with strengthe &
armur þe fore-seyde disseysynge to þe harmynge & hurt of the with damages against three of the defendants,
abbas of xl. shillings; & þey seyen þat oþer defendantes in þe brefe
20 a-fore I-namyd were not at þe disseysenynge a-fore I-seyde.

þerfore hit was graunt þe fore-seyde abbas sholde recufeꝫ heꝫ
seysenynge of þe foreseyde tenementes I-put in þe lawe with heꝫ
pertinences by þe syht of þe recognicion of þe foreseydꝫ assyse
24 & heꝫ harmys a-fore-seyde & þe for-seyde Iohn kynge, william
tayloure, & Iohn lawe, sholde be take & *cetera*; and also þe fore- but mulct on Godstow for false claim against the others.
seyde abbas sholde be I-mercydꝫ for þe false clayme a-geynyste
þe fore-seydꝫ Roger beuchampe & oþer the whyche weꝫ I-quitte
28 by þe dysseysenynge a-fore seyde.

[Bould, in Idbury parish.]

[Note.—This rent-charge does not occur in, and is therefore presumably later than, pope Celestine III's confirmation (no. 902), 1192. It is duly reckoned in pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291; as also in Henry VIII's 1531 survey (*Monast.* iv. 373). The person who witnesses no. 321 is perhaps William de Sancto Audoeno, bailiff of Woodstock manor 1243–74.]

[321.] * A Charter of Bartholomew Labanc confermyng to the mynchons of Godestow half a marke of rent in Boolde. * leaf 213. About 1260?

The sentence of this charter is, that Bartholomew Labanc Grant to Godstow,
yaf, graunted, and by his present charter confermed, to god and

by Bartholomew Labanc, of a rent-charge of 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly.

to our lady seynt mary and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons ther servyng god, in fre and p*er*petuel almesse, a rent of half a mark of siluer, to be take of Iohn Labanc and his heires every yere at Cristmas which to me the 4 same Iohn now for his tenement in Boolde at the same terme was wonte to pay vnto me. And that this shold not be in any doute, therfore to this p*re*sent writyng he put to his seale. Thise beyng witnesse: Raaf, p*ar*son of Bladen, Maister Piers 8 of Stanes, s*er* henry of Tayd*en*, william Clerk of Tywe, Iohn de hane*berge*, william of Seynt Owayn*e*, Robert of Nethercote, Rob*er*t of the Mersh, Rob*er*t Clerk de Fyfhede, and many other. 12

About 1260?

[322.] A Charter of Brian of Brampton confermyng the same.

Confirmation to Godstow, * leaf 213, back. by Bryan of Brampton, the overlord, of Bartholomew Labanc's grant, as in no. 321. In return said Brian and his family are to share in the spiritual benefits earned by Godstow.

THE sentence of this charter is that Bryan of Brampton, w*ith* the assent and wille of Alice his wyf and of Bryan his heire and of other his heires, graunted, and by his chart*er* confermed, * to god and to our lady Seynt Marie and to seynt Iohn Baptist 16 of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god, the yifte that Bartholomew Labanc made to hem of an annual rent of half a marke, to be taken of Iohn Labanc and his heires of his tenement in Boolde, after as the chart*er* which the same 20 Bartholomew Labanc made shewith and berith witnesse. And for this graunte and confirmacion the same mynchons graunted hym and to Alice his wyf, and to the same Bryan his heire and to other his heires, to be p*ar*tyners of all good benefetis 24 and almes dedes which shall be done in their*e* hous for evermore. And þ*at* this his graunte and confirmacion ferme and stedfast for evermore shold abide, to this chart*er* he put to his seale. These beynge witnesse: s*er* Nicholas of Newbury, Hugh 28 Labanc, Elice of Boolde, Elice of Bladyngton, Raaf knyuton, walter Pudwell, Iames of hawnce, and many other.

About 1280?

[323.] A Chart*er* of Richard labanc I-made to the mynchons of Godestow for a marke yerely in Boolde.

Grant to Godstow, by Richard Labanc,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Richard labanc graunted and yaf all the lond of Gaufride of Boolde and of Foxcote, with 32 the p*er*tynentis, to god and to our lady seynt Marie and to

seynt Andrew the appostle vnto the Abbey of the holy mynchons in the worship of the same seynt Andrew to be mortaysed. Also I yeve and graunte the forseid lond to be fre and quyte fro all 4 seculer service to the *ser*uyce of god to be ordeyned. And all the bonde-mennes lond to be fre fro all seruyce, for a marke to be paid yerely. Also he yaf a mesuage with iij. acris of lond next to the streme fre fro all service in-to *per*petuel almes. 8 Thise beyng witnesse, & *cetera.*

of land,

and a mesuage and land.

[Note.—There being no Bould deeds in the Latin Register, we have nothing by which to check this deed. We must, therefore, leave it, with its extraordinary mistake as to the patron saint of the Convent.]

[Burleigh Wood in Wychwood Forest.]

[324.] * A Chart*er* of kyng henry for Burley wode in wychewode, & *cetera.*

* leaf 191. 1265, Dec. 27.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Henry, by the grace of god kyng of Englond, & *cetera,* willed to be know to Archebisshoppes, & *cetera,* that for asmoch as he had I-helde by 12 inquysicion that was I-made by his welbeloued and trew man Roger Clyfford, his Iustice of the forest a this half Trente, that hit shold not be to harme, nother to noiyng of his forest of wyche-wode, though he graunted to his welbeloved in crist, the 16 abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, his wode of Burley, with the p*er*tynentis, the whiche ben*e* with-in the markes of the forsaid forest, To be had to them and to ther successours, into p*er*petuell almesse; and þ*at* that wode shold availe by yere, as 20 in herbage, pannage, and all other goyng-out or availes, xxxiiij. s*hillings:* so moche he, for charite sake and of seynt Iohn Baptist patrone of the chirch of Godestowe, and for the helthe of his sowle and of the sowles of his aūncet*our*s and of 24 his heires, yaf and graunted, and with his chart*er* confermed, to the abbesse and * mynchons[1] of Godestowe and to ther succes-

Grant to Godstow, by Henry III,

of Burley Wood in Bladon parish,

worth 34*s.* a year,

* leaf 191, back.

[1] The head-line of leaf 191, back, is:—'A Confirmacion and a lycence of kyng Henry the sone of kyng John.' In the MS. this charter comes among the general charters. At the dissolution, 1540, we find (*Monast.* iv. 372) Godstow farming this wood out for £2 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly, from which had to be deducted the £1 14*s.* quit-rent which was still paid to the king. In the Hundred Rolls, 1279, 'Boroule' wood is not included in Wychwood Forest, though other woods in Bladon are. Neither is it so included in the Perambulation of Wychwood, 1300.

at 34s. yearly rent to be paid into the Exchequer, and under obligation not to disforest it nor so to fence it as to exclude the deer.

sours, into perpetuel almesse, yeldyng therof by yere xxxiiij. *shillings*, that is to sey, one half to his Eschekor at Estir and the other half at his Eschekor at the fest of seynt Michell, for all service, custome, and demaunde: So nathelesse that they 4 shold not hegge, wast, nother turne hit into tylthe, nother in no wise close hit but that his bestis myght haue fre goyng out and fre entryng into the forsaid wode as they were I-woned to haue afore. Wherfore he willed and surely charged, for hym and his 8 heires, that the forsaid abbesse and mynchons shold haue and hold the forsaid wode, with his pertynentis, of hym and his heiris, into perpetuel almesse, as hit is I-seid afore. Thise beyng witnesse, & *cetera*. The date by his hand, at Oxenford, 12 the xxviiti day of Decembre, the fyfty yere of his reigne.

[Cassington.]

[Note.—The Godstow property in this parish was acquired by a series of purchases between 1210 and 1280. In pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, it is joined with the Godstow properties at Begbroke, Kiddington, Ledwell, and Thrup, as in Woodstock rural deanery, and the whole said to be worth £5 3*s.* 2*d.*, of which £2 18*s.* 8*d.* represents pittances charged on the rents. At the dissolution, 1540, the Godstow property in 'Kersynton' (*Monast.* iv. 372) was valued at £4 for the demesne-land, £1 10*s.* for quit-rents on freeholds, and £1 13*s.* 4*d.* for quit-rents on copyholds, together £7 13*s.* 4*d.* The obits for William once keeper, John once baker, and Isold abbess, were still charged on the rents in Kersynton.]

[1. Lands acquired through Thomas of Chymely.]

* leaf 66. 1204, Sept. 29.

[325.] * A Charter to Thomas of Chymely of a mese and a crofte and a yerde-londe in karsynton.

Sale to Thomas of Chymely, by Peter son of William son of Richard of Karsynton, of a messuage and croft, and a yardland.

The sentence of this evidence is, that Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsynton yaf graunted and confermed *with* his owne charter, in fee and heritage, to Thomas Chymely, or to whom 16 the same Thomas wold assigne selle yeve or bequeth, a mese *with* a crofte that Alewy held in karsynton; And furthermore a yerd of lond *with* all his pertynentis that humfrey of haneberge held in the same towne: to be hold and to be had, of hym and 20 of his heires, frely quyetly peasibly and worshipfully, in cornys and medis in fedyngis in wayes in pathes and all other customes longyng to them, by the service of j. d. by the yere for all seruice, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse, savyng the kyngis 24

Quit-rent, 1*d.*

service. And the forsaid' Petir and his heires warantiȝed' to the forsaid' Thomas or to whom the same Thomas wold' assigne yeve selle or bequeth hit, ayenst all men and women. And yf they myght not warantiȝe all the forsaid' thynges, they shold' yeve to them an eschaunge of theire fee to the valew of the forsaid' mese *with* the crofte and yerde lond' *with* all her *per*tynentis. And for this yifte, graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' Thomas yaf to hym xxx. *shillings* of sterlyngis into warison: and that this yifte myght be sure, & *cetera*. And also hit is to be know that this Chart*er* was I-made afore the barons of the cheker, and I-rolled' in the kynges rolle, at Myghelmasse, the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng' Iohn in the rolle of Oxenforde Shire.

Purchase-money, £1 10*s*.

[326.] *A Chart*er* of Petir Fitz William Fitz Richard' of karsyntون to Thomas Chymili of a mese for homage and service.

* leaf 65, back. 1204, Nov. 1.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Petir Fitz William Fitz Richard' of karsyntون yaf graunted' and confermed' *with* his chart*er* to Thomas Chymili, for his homage and *ser*uice, j. yerde of lond' *with* all his *per*tynentis, the which humfrey of haneberge held' in the towne of karsyntون; and j. mese *with* the crofte that Alewy helde in the same towne; And furthermore v. shillyng' worth of yerely rent, of the [rent] which Petir of wyuelcote and his heires yelded', to the forsaid' Thomas and to his heires, or to Whom he wold' yeve or assigne hit, v. *shillings*, at iiij. ordeyned' t*er*mes of the yere; And Rob*ert* of wyttون shold' paye to the said' Thomas and to his heires, or to whom he wold' yeve or assigne, other v. *shillings*, at two t*er*mes I-ordeyned' of the yere, of the x. *shillings*, the which the same Rob*ert* was I-woned' to paye to hym and to his auncetirs by yere: to be hold' of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires or to whom he wold' yeve hit or assigne hit, in fee and in heritage, paying' to hym and to his heires j. paire of spores, or ij. d'. yf he had' leuer, at myghelmas, for all seruice longyng' to hym and to his heires. Wherfore he willed' that the forsaid' Thomas and his heires after hym, and he that he wold' assigne or yeve hit, have and holde all the forsaid' yerd'-lond', in corne, medis, fedyngis, in weyes

Sale to Thomas of Chymely, by Peter son of William son of Richard of Karsynton, of a yard-land, of a messuage and croft, and of two rent-charges, each of 5*s*.

Quit-rent, spurs.

and commonis, in pathis, and in all placis, *with* her pertynentis, and a mese *with* a crofte; and *with* the forsaid rent of x. *shillings*, *with* homage and seruice of the forsaid Robert and Petir and his heires, with relefis and wardes, wele and in pease frely and quyetly fro alle pleis quarels and fro all demaundis, by the forsaid seruice. And the seid Petir and his heires warantized to the forsaid Thomas and to his heires, and to whom he wold yeve or assigne, the forsaid yerde-lond, *with* his pertynentis and all the forsaid tenement and rent, with-out any reteynyng or *with*-holdyng, ayenst all men and women. And yf peraventure they myght not warantize, they shold yeve to them eschaunge to the valew of the forsaide thynges of her owne heritage. And for this graunte yifte and confirmacion the forsaid Thomas yaf to hym lxx. *shillings* of sterlynges in-to warison. And that this Charter shold be sure, & *cetera*. And hit is to be know that this charter was I-made afore the Barons of the Cheker at Westmynster, and I-rolled in the kyngis rolle at the fest of Alhalowen, the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Iohn in the rolle of Oxenford.

[The rent-charges carry with them rights to feudal casualties.]

Purchase-money, £3 10s.

* leaf 66. About 1205. Sale to Thomas of Chymely, by Peter son of William son of Richard of Karsynton, of his chief messuage and its buildings.

[327.] *A-nother Charter to Thomas Chymely.

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsynton yaf graunted and confermed, for his homage and seruice, to Thomas of Chymely and to his heires aftir, his chefe mese in karsynton that was of William fitz Richard his fadir, *with* all his courte and with all bildyngis there beyng, *with* gardeyne and seruatorye longyng to the same, *with* the crofte also that lieth to the courte and strecchith hym-self beside the grete gardeyn of William Clynton: to be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires, frely quyetly worshipfully heritably, and by the service of j. d. to be paid to hym and to his heires by yere at Mighelmas, fro all service and exaccion. And the said Petir and his heires warantized to the forsaid Thomas and his heires the forsaid mese *with* all his pertynentis ayenst all men and women, as hit is determyned aboue. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Thomas yaf to hym viij. mark of siluer, And ouer-more for his chief mese, into eschaunge, the fore-named Thomas yaf to the forsaid Petir his

Quit-rent, 1*d*.

For this, Thomas of Chymely gave

mese that was of Alewy fitz Seward, the which the same Thomas had of biyng of the said Petir, And furthermore the forsaid Thomas yaf to the forsaid Petir into eschaunge for his forsaid chife mese an arable crofte that was of Arnold fitz Seward the which lieth next to the courte of Robert Wottoñ, savyng the meses and houses and service longyng to the same courte the said Thomas * reteyned or holde to his owne nede. Also hit is to be know that the same Thomas shold of dewte make redy one weye by the which he myght have entryng and agayñ goyng with his plough and his carte to the forsaid crofte, the which was of Arnold. Also he yaf to the said Petir, for the forsaid chaunge of his chief mese, the crofte of Geffrey Fyssher, the which lieth next bitwene the gardeyñ of Robert Wottoñ and the courte of the same Thomas the whiche he yaf to hym into eschaunge as hit is seid aboue, so that he had and held the said crofte of Geffrey Fyssher vnto the terme I-sette bitwene them, that is to sey, Thomas and Geffrey. And that his yifte, & *cetera*.

£5 6*s*. 8*d* in money, and a messuage (in no. 325 and 326) and a croft,

*** leaf 66 back.**

with remainder of the lease of another croft.

[328.] * A Charter to Thomas Chymily of all the londe and fee that Petir Fitz William Fitz Richard had in the towne of karsyntoñ with all the pertynentes, out-take the londes that Iulian Rampan his modir helde.

*** leaf 65. 1205.**

THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir Fitz William Fitz Richard of karsyntoñ yaf graunted and with his charter confermed to Thomas Chymili, for homage and service, all his lond and his fee that he had in the towne of karsyntoñ, with alle pertynentis longyng therto, except the londes that Iulian Rampyñ his modir helde with the pertynentis all her owne lif: to be had and to be holde, to hym and to his heires or to whom he wold yeve bequethe selle or assigne hit, of hym and of his heires in fee and heritage, with homages and relefis of free men, and with the service of all men in ony maner holdyng ony parte of his forsaid fee in the same towne of karsyntoñ, and with the demaynes longyng to the forsaid fee, fully and without ony reteynyng or with-holdyng, in toftis and croftis, medes and fedyng places, in telid londis and vntelid, in weyes and pathes,

Sale to Thomas of Chymely, by Peter son of William son of Richard of Karsynton, of his interest in and manorial rights over lands in Cassington.

in entrynges and goyngis out, and in all esementis longyng to the same lond or myght longe, peasibly frely quyetly and worshipfully, yeldyng xij. d. by yere at two termes, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. d, and at Ester vj. d, for all seruice, 4 customes, and exaccioun*s*, Savyng natheles the forayn seruice. And the forsaid Petir and his heires warantiȝed, to the foresaide * Thomas and to his heires the which he made his heires, all the forsaid fee, w*ith* all the p*er*tynentis to hit, ayenst all men and 8 all women, by the forsaid s*er*uice of xij. d. And for this yifte graunte and confirmacion of the chart*er* aforesaid Thomas yaf to hym xv. marke of siluer into warison. And that his yifte, & c*etera*, he put to his seale, & c*etera*. And hit is be-know 12 that this chart*er* was I-made afore a Baron of the courte at london, and I-rolled in the kyngis rolle, the yere of kyng Iohn the vij. in the Rolle of Oxenford.

Quit-rent, 18.

* leaf 65, back.

Purchase-money, £10.

* leaf 66, back. 1205, Nov. 13.

[329.] * A Chart*er* of kyng Iohn to Thomas Chymely, his clerk, confermyng all his londes and fee in karsynton.

Confirmation to Thomas of Chymely, by King John, of lands acquired from Peter son of William son of Richard of Karsynton, as in no. 328,

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that kyng Iohn graunted 16 and co*n*fermed to Thomas Chymely, his clerk, all lond and fee in the towne of karsynton the which Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsynton yaf and graunted to the same Thomas for his homage and seruyce, and confermed hit with his chart*er*, 20 to be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Thomas and to his heires or to them to the which he wold yeve them bequethe selle or assigne, of the forsaid Petir and his heires, w*ith* all p*er*tynentis and thynges, w*ith* fredomes and fre customes 24 longyng to them, yeldyng therof by yere xij. d. for all s*er*uice, As the chart*er* of the forseid Petir, the which he had therof, witnesseth resonably. He graunted also, and w*ith* his chart*er* confermed, to the forsaid Thom*as* all his other yiftes, biynges, 28 and getyngis, to be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires and to them to the which he wold assigne them, wele and in pease, as in the chart*er*s of the yevers or sellers or lordes that he had of, resonably witnessen, These beyng witnesse 32 & c*etera*. Dat*e*, by the hondes of hugh Well, Archidekon of wellis, at Gillyngh*am*, the xiij. day of Nouem*br*e, The vij. yere of his reigne.

and of other lands acquired by him.

[330.] A Charter of Thomas Chymely to the mynchons of Godestow confermyng all his lond with the pertynentis in karsynton. About 1210.

THE sentence of this evidence is, that Thomas Chymely yaf, graunted, and confermed, to god and to oure lady and seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons there servyng god, into fre and perpetuel almesse, for the helthe of his soule and of all his auncetours, all his lond of karsynton with all his pertynentis, without ony with-holdyng, to be had and to be hold to the saide mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyetly worshipfully holy wele and in pease fynably[1], yeldyng therfor yerely to Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsynton, and to his heires, all-onely xij. d at ij. termes of the yere, þat is to sey, at Mighelmasse, vj. d and at Ester, vj. d, for all seruice and exaccions, and for all thynges. And that his yifte, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow by Thomas of Chymely, of his lands, subject to 12*d*. quit-rent, as in no. 328.

[331.] A confirmacion of the yifte of sir Thomas of Chymely that he made to the mynchons of Godestowe of all his lond of karsynton. About 1210.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsynton yaf, & *cetera*, and with his charter confermed, the yifte of sir Thomas *of Chymely, the which he made to god and to our lady seynt Mary and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god, of all the lond of karsynton, with all his pertynentis, without any agayn-holdyng, that he had or held in the tyme of his lyf of his fee in the towne of karsynton, to be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe, frely and quyetly for ever, As the charter of the forsaid Thomas Chymely that he therof at that tyme [made] bare out and witnessith. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Mynchons of Godestowe yaf hym two mark of siluer. And the forsaid Petir and his heires warantized the forsaid yifte of the forsaid Thomas Chymely, the whiche he made to the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe, ayenst all men and women. And that this yifte, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, * leaf 67. by Peter son of William son of Richard of Karsynton as over-lord, of Thomas of Chymely's gift, as in no. 330. Purchase-money, £1 6*s*. 8*d*.

[1] Read 'fynally.' The Latin is: 'rata et stabilis in perpetuum.'

About 1210.

[332.] * A Charter of Thomas Chymely confermynge the same.

Order by Thomas of Chymely to his tenants to look to Godstow as their new feudal superior.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Chymely, for goddis sake and for the helthe of his auncetours soules, yaf, and graunted, to god and to our lady seynt mary and to seynt Iohn Baptist and to the holy Covent of Godestowe, all his lond of karsynton fully and holy as he held hit, into pure and perpetuell almesse, Also with the homage and his seruyce for ever. Wherfor he charged hem that they shold aunswere to the Abbesse and to the Covent of Godestowe, and to their attorneyes, fro that tyme forewarde as to her ladies, and to do seruice to them for ever as they did to hym. Into witnesse of this, & *cetera*.

[2. Lands acquired from Simon Balehorn.]

* leaf 75, back. About 1230.

[333.] * A Charter of Raaf Wotton grauntyng lettyng and delyueryng to Symond Balehorn and to Henry fitz Thomas fitz Edwyn ij. acres of arable lond.

Sale to Simon Balehorn and another, by Ralph Wotton, of 2 acres, [yard = rood] detached pieces, and a meadow.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raaf wotton graunted lete and delyuered to Symond Balehorn [and to Henry] fitz Thomas fitz Edwyn of Oxenford ij. acris of arable lond, the whiche strecch them-self into Battemore; and j. yerde that lieth bitwene the forsaid ij. acris and the acre that is I-called the hide acre; and j. hede that strecchith into Battemore in lengthe, that whiche he held of the demayne of Petir of karsynton in the feld of karsynton; And also he graunted to the forsaid Symon and henry a mede that is called Boleham, with his pertynentis, in karsynton: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires, of hym and of his heires, in fe and heritage, frely and quyetly, fully and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires ij. d. at Mighelmas for all seruyce and exaccion: and he and his heires warantized the forseid acre of lond, and the forsaid yerde, and the forsaid hede, and the forsaid mede, with all their pertynentis, to the forsaid Symon and henry, and to ther heires, or to whom they wille assigne, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, letyng, delyueryng, and warantizyng, the

Quit-rent, 2d.

Purchase-money, £4.

forsaid' Symon and henry yaf to hym vj. mark of sterlyngis into warison̄. And [that] this forsaid' graunte & *cetera.*

[334.] A Charter of Symon̄ Balehorn̄ confermyng the same to god' and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe, & *cetera.*

About 1240.

Sale to Godstow, by Simon Balehorn,

of his moiety of no. 333.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Symon̄ Balehorn̄ of Oxenford' yaf, lete, and delyuered', to god and to our lady and to seynt Iohn̄ Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons there servyng god and to serve for ever, all̄ that lond' that he toke, had', and held' in fee of Raaf wotton̄, in the feld' of karsyn-ton̄, that is to sey, the half[1] of two acris of arable lond' the which strecchen into Battemore, and the half of j. yerde lond' that lieth bitwene the forsaid' ij. acris and bitwene the acre that is I-called' the hide-acre, and the half of j. hede strecch hit-self into Batte-more in lengthe, and the half of a mede that is I-called' Boleham with his pertynentis: to be had' and to be hold', to the seid' *holy mynchons, of hym and of his heires, frely quyetly and holy for ever, yeldyng therof yerely for hym and his heires to the lord' of the fee j. d'. at Mighelmasse for all̄ seruyce and exaccion̄, as his charter the which he had' of Raaf wotton̄ witnesseth. And Symon̄ Balehorn̄ and his heires warantized' the forsaid' lond', with all̄ his pertynentis, to the forsaid' holy mynchons of Godestow, or to whom they wille assigne hit, ayenst all̄ men and women. And for this graunte & *cetera* the forsaid' holy mynchons yaf to hym L. *shillings* in warison̄. And that his yifte shold' be sure, & *cetera.*

* leaf 76.

Quit-rent, 1*d.*

Purchase-money, £2 10*s.*

[335.] A Charter of Raaf Wotton̄ confermyng to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe the yifte I-made to them of ij. acres and j. yerde I-called' the hyde acre and j. hede and a mede I-called' Boleham, with all̄ their pertynentis, by Raaf Wotton̄, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires ij. d' at myghelmasse. For the confirmacion̄ he had' half a mark of siluer.

About 1240.

Sale to Godstow, by Ralph Wotton, of right to enter upon no. 333.

Purchase-money, 6*s.* 8*d.*

[1] The deed, which conveyed the other moiety (see no. 333) to Godstow, is missing.

[3. Lands acquired from William of Appleford.]

* leaf 74. About 1230.

[336.] * A Charter of henry Rampayn̄ I-made to Iohn̄ Appelford̄ and to his heires & *cetera* of an hyde of londe in the towne of karsynton̄ for j. ħi of pepir yerely to be paid̄.

* leaf 74, back. Sale to John of Appleford, by Henry Rampayn, of a hyde of land.

* THE sentence of this Char*ter* is, that henry Rampayn̄, w*ith* the consent of Rose his wyf and william his sone, graunted̄ and yaf, and w*ith* his char*ter* confermed̄, to Iohn of Appulford̄ and to his heires or to whom the same Iohn wold̄ assigne hit, a hide[1] lond̄ in karsynton̄, w*ith* all̄ his p*er*tynentis, in wodes medes and pastures and in all̄ other fre goynges-out or avayles, that is to sey, the which hyde Anneys his modir held̄ in dowry, to be had̄ and to be hold̄ to hym and to his heires or to whom the same Iohn wille assigne hit, of hym and his heires, frely quyetly and holy, for j. ħi. of pepir yerely to be yelded̄ therof to hym and to his heires in the fest of seynt Michell̄ for all̄ service, sauyng the kyng*es* s*er*uyce (suche seruyce as longeth to another hyde lond̄ of the same fee), for his s*er*uice and homage, and for xvj. marke the which the same Iohn yaf to hym and to Rose his wyf ij. besauntis and to william his sone a swerde price of xij. d̄. And the said̄ henry and his heires shold̄ warantiȝe to the forsaid̄ Iohn, and to his heires, or to whom the same Iohn wolle assigne [it], the same hyde ayenst all̄ men. And yf the same henry and his heires be not of power to warantiȝe the forsaid̄ lond̄ to the forsaid̄ Iohn or to whom he wille assigne hit, Than they shold̄ make to them an eschaunge j. hide of his lond̄ in Chelrey fully w*ith* all̄ his p*er*tynentis by his forsaid̄ service for j. ħi. of pepir in the fest of Seynt Michell̄ for all̄ seruyce. And that this graunte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, 1 lb. of pepper.

Purchase-money, £10 13*s*. 4*d*, with gifts.

[A silver bezant = 2*s*.]

[Childrey, Berks.]

About 1230.

[337.] A relese of Petir fitz William fitz Richard̄ of karsynton̄ I-made to Iohn Appelford̄ of all̄ his right in karsynton̄.

Sale to John of Appleford, by Peter

THE sentence of this relese is, that Petir fitz William fitz Richard̄ relesed̄ and quyte-claymed̄, for hym and for his heires, to Iohn Appelford̄ and to his heires, all̄ his right that he had̄

[1] See no. 429.

or myght haue in iiij. yerdes of lond' *with* ther' *per*tynentis in the towne of karsynton', that is to sey, in ij. yerdes of lond' *with* *þere* * *per*tynentis the which Richard' of Botelegh helde of the forsaid' Iohn in the forsaide towne of karsynton', and in a yerde of lond' *with* the *per*tynentis the which Rob*ert* of Comnore held' of the same Iohn in the same towne, and in a yerde-lond' *with* his *per*tyne*ntes* the whiche Thedulf Plomer held' of the forsaid' Iohn in the same towne: of the whiche forsaid' iiij. yerdes of lond', as they be named' afore separat and diuided' or by them self, hit was I-pletid' in the shire of Oxenford' by the bref 'de recto,' that is to sey, of right, bitwene hym and the forsaid' Richard' Rob*ert* and Thedulf. And of the which forsaid' iiij. yerdis of lond' after ther tenure, as hit is I-said' afore, the forsaid' Richard' Rob*ert* and Thedulf called' the forsaid' Iohn to the warantyng in the forsaid' shire of Oxenford', and the which forsaid' iiij. yerd*es* of lond' the forsaid' Iohn in the forsaid' shire warantized' to the forsaid' Richard', Rob*ert*, and Thedulf so that Petir wold' make this relese and quyteclayme of the forseid' iiij. yerdes of lond', for hym and his heires, to the forsaid' Iohn and his heir*es* that nother he nor none of his heires here-after shold' no thynge clayme nother axe ony right in ony of the forsaid' iiij. yerdes of lond' toward' the forsaid' Iohn or his heires or toward' the forsaid' Richard' Rob*ert* and Thedulf and ther heires. And for this relese and quyte-clayme, the forsaid' Iohn yaf to hym ij. marke and j. half marke. And that this relese and quyte clayme, & *cetera*.

son of William son of Richard of

* leaf 75.

Karsynton, of all his claims over 4 yard-lands, viz. 2 held by Richard of Botley, 1 by Robert of Cumnor, 1 by Theodulph plumber, making up the hide, as in no. 336.

Purchase-money, £1 13*s*. 4*d*.

[338.] A Charter of William Appilford' confermyng to Emme Abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent all his rente in the towne of karsynton'.

About 1260.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that William Appelford' yaf, graunted', & *cetera*, to Emme, Abbesse of Godestowe, and to her Couent, all his rent in the towne of karsynton': that is to sey, of Richard' Boteleye, xv. *shillings* of ij. yerdis of lond' the which the same Richard' held'; of j. yerde in the same towne, of Henry fitz theodulf, vij. *shillings* vj. d'. of j. yerde-lond' in the same towne, and of Richard' Petit and Anneys his wyf, vij. *shillings* vj. d'. of a yerd'-lond' that they helden of hym in the

Grant to Godstow, by William of Appleford, of the rent-charges issuing from four freehold yardlands, as in no. 337, and

manorial rights over them. Quit-rents, 1d. to the mesne lord, 1 lb. of pepper to the chief lord.

forsaid' towne: to be had' and to be hold', of hym and of his heires, to her and to her successours, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, *with* homages wardis relefis and eschetis and all ther other *per*tynentis that myghten happe or falle or towche hym or his heires in ony wise, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d'. at Ester, and to the chief lord' j. li. of pepir at Mighelmas, doyng the service riall whan that hit falleth, that is to sey, also moche as longith to an hide of lond' in the same towne, for all seruyce and sutis of court and all other customes and demaundes. And the said' william and his heir*es* warantized', acquyted', and defended' for ever, all the forsaid rent with his *per*tynentis, as hit is I-named' afore, to the forsaid' Abbesse and Covent of Godestowe ayenst all cristen men, & *cetera*, and Iewis. And that this his yifte & *cetera*.

[Warranty against Jews.]

About 1265.

[339.] A relese of luce, somtyme the wyf of William Appelford', I-made to the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, of all the right that she had' by her dowery.

Sale

* leaf 75, back. to Godstow, by Lucy, widow of William of Appleford, of all claim in no 338.

THE sentence of this relese is, that Luce that was the wyf of william of * Appelford' quyte-claymed' to the Abbesse of Godestowe and to her Couent all her right that she had' or myght haue, by the name of her dowery, that longed' to her of a fre tenauntry that they held' in karsynton that was of the forsaid' william her husbond' in the same towne. And for this quyte-clayme the Abbesse and her Couent yaf to her afore handes xxxv. *shillings* of sterlynges. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*.

* leaf 74, back. About 1265.

[340.] * A Confirmacion of Iohn Rampan, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, of j. hide of lond' with the *per*tynentis in the towne of karsynton.

Confirmation to Godstow, by John Rampan, as chief lord, of William of Appleford's hide

THE sentence of this confirmacion is that Iohn Rampan graunted', and *with* his Chart*er* confermed', to god and to the chirche of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons there servyng god, the yft and the graunte that william of Appelford' yaf and graunted' to the mynchons of j. hide of lond' *with* the *per*tynentis in the towne of karsynton, the which the

said' william held' of hym: to be hold' and to be had', of hym and of his heires, to them and to ther' successours, frely and quyetly wele and in pease, holy and worshipfully for ever, as the charter of the said' william I-made to the seid' mynchons þerof more better and fullyer bereth witnesse, yeldyng therof yerely j. ħ. of pepir at Mighelmasse for all seruyce, sutis of courtis, and all other customes and demaundes, savyng the kynges service. And the said' Iohn and his heires warantized' for ever to the forsaid' mynchons and to ther' successours the forsaid' yifte and graunte, as the charter of the forsaid' william I-made therof fully bereth witnesse, and that for ever ayenst all men. In-to witnesse, & *cetera*.

of land

Quit-rent, 1 lb. of pepper.

[4. Lands acquired through Jordan of Aldswell.]

[341.] * Another licence of Stevyn Frytewelle[1] for the same entryng into the same * fee of karsynton vndir the same fourme afore[2] I-writte worde by worde.

*** leaf 71, back. About 1240? * leaf 72. Licence to Stephen of Fritwell, to enter into the fee of William Broun.**

[342.] * A Charter of Iulian Rampan somtyme the wyf of William fitz Richard' grauntyng to Robert Wotton for his homage and seruyce iij. yerdis of lond' in karsynton with mesys and croftes longyng to the same with all fredomes.

*** leaf 76. About 1210.**

The sentence of this charter is, that Iulian Rampan, somtyme the wyf of william fitz Richard', yaf, she beyng in her owne fre power after the deth of the forsaid' william her husbond', in her wedowhode to Robert wotton, for his homage and seruyce, iij. yerdes of lond' in karsynton, that is to sey, tho iij. yerdis the which Seman held' in the same towne of karsynton, with mesis and croftis longyng to the forsaid' londis, and with all fredomes, and ther pertynentis, in medis and fedyng placis in weyes and pathes and in all places. Furthermore he[3] yaf and graunted' to the forsaid' Robert a mese with a crofte that Edwyn Huch held', and a crofte that is afore the yate of the forsaid' Robert that a diche full closeth hit, to be hold' of hym[3]

Grant to Robert of Wotton, by Juliana Rampan, widow of William son of Richard, of three yardlands,

of a messuage and croft, and of a croft.

[1] See no. 367. [2] See no. 377.
[3] The translator has forgotten that the grantor is a female.

and of his heires, to hym and his heires, frely and quyetly, worshipfully and pesibly, fully and holy, *with* all fredomes and fre customes, by the *ser*uyce of v. *shillings* of sterlyngis yerely to be paid to hym and to his heires at two *ter*mes, for all 4 *ser*uyce, that is to sey, at the Annunciaciou*n* of our lady day ij. *shillings* vj. d. and at myghelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d, savyng the kyngis seruyce, that is to sey, as moche as longith to iij. yerdes of lond in the same towne of the same fee. And he 8 and his heires warantized to the forsaid Rob*er*t and to his heires the fore-named londes and tenauntryes ayenst all men. And that this his yifte shold be sure, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, 5s.

About 1220. Confirmation to Robert of Wotton, by Thomas of Chymely, * leaf 76, back. as over-lord, of no. 342.

[343.] A Chart*er* of Thomas Chymilly confermyng to Rob*er*t Wotton for his homage and s*er*uyce the same iij. yerdes of lond w*ith* all ther p*er*tyne*ntes* * mesis and croftis w*ith* fredomes and customes, as hit is worde by worde in the next Chartir afore I-writte.

About 1190.

[344.] Another Charter of William fitz Richard I-made to Sibille de Sauceto and to her heires confermyng two Cotelandis w*ith* all their p*er*tynentis.

Sale to Sibyl de Sauceto, by William son of Richard and his wife Juliana, of 2 cotelands, held by quit-rent of 1 lb. of pepper,

and grant of two acres meadow in exchange for land called 'the heyte.'

Purchase-money, £1 18.

THE sentence of this confirmaciou*n* is, that william[1] fitz 12 Richard, and Iulian his wyf, w*ith* Petir their sone and heire consentyng, gaf and graunted to Sybille de Sauceto and to her heires ij. Cotelandis of ther lande w*ith* all the p*er*tynentis longyng to them in karsyntou*n*, that is to sey, that Coteland 16 that Sewyne Cobbe held and that Coteland that Edwyn Selle held: to be hold of them and of ther heires, for j. li. of pe*per* yeldyng therof to them and to ther heires by yere for all seruyces, in the *ter*me that is to sey of cristis birthe; beside the 20 londe of the heyte that they held in theire lordship, and agaynst that fore-named lond of the heyte they chaunged, to the forsaid Sibille and to her heires aftir her, ij. acres of mede w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis in farnehull. And for this graunte and yifte the 24 forsaid Sibille yaf to the forsaid william and to Iulian his wyf xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis and to Petir ther sone and heire xij. d. Wherfor they willed and comaunded that the forsaid

[1] William fitz Richard was dead by 1204: see no. 326.

Sibille and her heires shold' hold' the forsaid' ij. Cotelandes *with* all ther *per*tynentis, by the forsaid' seruyce, also wele and in pease, frely and quyetly and worshipfully, as William More frely
4 and quyetlyer helde ever in his dayes, and they after hym of his yifte and graunte in free mariage *with* the forsaid' Iulian his doughtir, & *cetera*. [Free marriage.]

[345.] A Chart*er* of Sibille of Saucete *with* assent and consent of her lorde Amice of wodestok confermyng' the same to Raaf' Saucete her son, vndir the same fo*ur*me, worde by worde, as hit is I-specified' in the next charter afore I-writte. About 1200. Grant to Ralph de Sauceto, by his mother Sibyl, of no. 344.

[346.] A Chart*er* of Iulian Rampan confermyng' the same to Raaf Saucete *with* all the*re* p*er*tynentis for all man*er* seruyce paiyng' j. li. of pep*er*, savyng' the kyngis seruyce, for the which confirmaciou*n* the said' Raaf' yaf to her a marke of' Siluer. About 1200. Confirmation to Ralph de Sauceto, by Juliana Rampan, as overlord of no. 344.

[347.] A Chart*er* of Raaf Saucete fitz William confermyng' to Raaf Wotton fitz Rob*er*t of Wotton j. yerde of londe in karsynton. About 1220.

THE sentence of this confirmaciou*n* is, that Raaf Saucete yaf,
8 graunted', and confermed' *with* his chart*er*, to Raaf wotton fitz Rob*er*t of wotton j. yerde of lond' in karsynton, the which Raaf' Saucete his vncle yaf to hym and made hym heire, the which lond' Iohn Sprotte held', to be hold' of hym and of his heires, to
12 hym and to his heires, for his homage and seruyce, frely and quyetly, fully and worshipfully, *with* all ther p*er*tynentis in londes medis fedyngis and lib*er*teis, also wele and frely as ever he held' hit by the same seruyce, paiyng' to Petir fitz William
16 fitz Richard' that he was I-woned' to pay, that is to sey, j. li of pepir at Cristmasse. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid' * Raaf of wotton yaf to hym viij. mark of sterlyngis in waryson. And that hit shold' be sur*e*, [& *cetera*.]

Sale to Ralph, son of Robert of Wotton, by Ralph de Sauceto, of a yardland, subject to a quit-rent of 1 lb. of pepper. * leaf 77. Purchase-money, £5 6*s*. 8*d*.

[348.] A Chart*er* of Petir of karsynton fitz William fitz Richard', confermyng' to Raaf Wotton fitz Rob*er*t of Wotton & *cetera* the yifte and takyng' of j. yerd-lond' About 1220. Confirmation to

Ralph of Wotton, by Peter son of William son of Richard of Karsynton, of no. 347.

of his fee, to hym and to his heires, frely and quyetly for all seruyce to hym and to his heires longyng, savyng j. li. of pepir or vj. d. at Cristmasse.

About 1220.

[349.] A Charter of Petir fitz Richard I-made to Raaf of Wottoun of j. crofte and ij. acres and j. yerde londe.

Confirmation to Ralph of Wotton, by Peter son of William son of Richard, as chief lord, of a croft, and 2 acres 1 rood.

THE sentence of this confirmacioun is, that Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsyntoun yaf, & *cetera*, to Raaf fitz Robert of Wottoun, all the crofte that Arnold[1] fitz Seward held, the whiche strecchith into Newcrofte, beside the crofte of Iohn [of] Appelford (the which Geffray Bras held) and that wey the which lieth[2] bitwene the hous of Raaf Cropry and the hous of Iohn [of] Appelford (the whiche Geffray Bras held); in[3] encresyng of ij. acres and j. yerde, the whiche strecchith hit self[4] toward Battemore, that is to sey, the[5] next beside them the which is I-called the hideacre and chenosche the which strecchyth in length beside Batemore to the hede of ij. acres aforesaid and the mede of Boleham: to be had and to be hold, to the same Raaf and to his heires for ever, of hym and his heires, frely and quyetly and fully, in all liberteis and fre customes and all thyngis that longe to hym or to his heires, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires in Ester day for all the forsaid londes j. paire of new gloves or j. d. whether of tho two his heires wille chese, and to do this in the courte of karsyntoun, for all seruyce and exaccioun and customes and demaundes. And the said Petir and his heires shold warantize for euer to the saide Raaf and to his heires the said londes and tenementis with all theire pertynentis, as hit is afore seid, ayenst all men and women. And that this confirmacioun shold be sure & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, gloves at Easter.

* leaf 77, back. 1244, June 27.

[350.] *A Charter of Richard Blunt of karsyntoun of iiij. acris, I-made to Sir Alisaundir, Tresorer of Seynt Paules at londoun.

Sale to Alexander of Swer-

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Richard Blunte of karsyntoun yaf, & *cetera*, to sir Alisaundir[6], tresorer of Seynt

[1] 'Ernald' in the Latin.
[2] i.e. that way which lieth.
[3] Latin is: 'in augmento duarum acrarum et unius virgae.'
[4] i.e. which extend towards.
[5] Latin is: 'viz. proximas iuxta illas qu[a]e voca[n]tur Hydacre et Chenosse.'
[6] He died October 19, 1246.

Powles at london̄, iiij. acris of his lond̄ in the forsaid̄ towne of karsynton̄: of the which, ij. acris lieth in the Ile that is I-called̄ Sornheyte, in particles or litel p*ar*tis, by viij. yerdes; of the whiche, one yerde lieth in the same Ile, bitwene the lond̄ of william Sywarde of the one p*ar*tie, strecchyng hit-self toward̄ the wat*er* of Bladen̄; and the second̄ yerd̄ lieth ther, by the lond̄ of Petir [of] Wyuelcote, strecchyng hit-self into Thamyse; and the thirde yerde lieth ther, bytwene the lond̄ of water[1] Moreth and Richard Hunche; and the fourthe liethe ther, by the lond̄ of Iohn Chyke the yonger; And the fyfte lieth ther, by-side the hyde vndir Scotislake; and the vj. and the vij. bytwene the lond̄ of Thedulf Plomer and the lond̄ of wat*er*[1] Sapier; And the viij. lieth there, bitwene the lond̄ of Thomas fitz hawyse and his lond̄. Two other acris lieth in the north feldes of the same towne; of the which, j. half acre lieth bitwene the lond̄ of Symon̄ fitz Reve, and buttith vpon the feld̄ that is I-called Withele; and half j. acre, bitwene the lond̄ of water moreth and water Sapyer, in the forsaid̄ feld̄ of wythele; and half j. acr*e* lieth in wythibedde, bitwene the lond̄ of Thomas, Chapeleyn̄, and the lond̄ of william Smew; and half j. acre lieth in the feld̄ that is I called̄ harestane, bitwene the lond̄ of water Sapier and the lond̄ of Rob*er*t duscep*er*e.

ford, by Richard Blunte, of 4 acres, viz. 2 acres in Sornheyte,

[Water of Bladon = the Evenlode.]

[yerde = rood.]

and 2 acres in the north field:

He yaf also and graunted̄, & *cetera*, to the same Alisaundre, half j. acre of mede in the same towne, the which lieth in the mede that is I-called̄ Barbecrofte: To be had̄ and to be hold̄, to the same Alisaundre and to his heires or his assignes who-so-ev*er* they be, frely, quyetly, holy, and plenarly fro ath seculer seruyce and exaccion for ever. And of couenant bitwene hym and the forsaid̄ Alisaundir I-made, he and his heires warantized̄ the seid̄ iiij. acres of lond̄ and half j. acre of mede, w*ith* ath their *per*tynentis, to the forsaid̄ Alisaundre his heires or his assignes who-so-ever they shold̄ be, as his * londes in karsynton̄, and they defended̄ the same fro ath seruycis demaundis and exaccions and forayn̄ seruice toward̄ the kyng and the chief lordes of that fee, and of ath dettis and demaundis toward̄ cristen men and Iewis, and acquyted̄ them for euer; and for this yifte, graunte, warantizyng, defendyng, acquytyng, and of this chart*er* confermyng, the forsaid̄ Alisaundir yaf to hym

and half an acre of meadow:

* leaf 78.

[debts to Jews.]

[1] Water = Walter.

Purchase-money, £2 18. [Jew of Oxford.] [Peter and Paul = June 29.]

xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis be-fore handis in warisoñ, and quytte hym of xxj. *shillings* ayenst Vynos Sapin, Iewe of Oxenford, in the whiche he was I-bound to hym in the same day that this charter was I-made, that is to sey, the monday next afore the fest of the appostels Petir and Paule, the yere of oure lord M‡ CC xliiij, that is to sey, the forsaid Alisaundir acquyted hym of the forsaid money fully. And that this writyng shold be sure & *cetera.*

* leaf 77. About 1240.

[351.] *A Charter of Alisaundir of Swereford, I-made to Iohn Wottoñ and to his wyf, confermyng all his lond in karsyntoñ, with their pertynentis, to the said Iohn Wottoñ soñ and heire of Raaf Wottoñ his Cosyñ and to Iulian the doughtir of William of Seynt Eweyne wyf of the forsaid Iohn.

Grant by Alexander of Swerford, to John son of Ralph Wotton, and to John's wife Juliana, of his lands.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Alisaundir of Swereford tresorer of Seynt Powles of londoñ, yaf, & *cetera,* to Iohn Wottoñ, sone and heire of Raf Wottoñ, his cosyn and Iulian the doughtir of William of Seynt Eweyne wyf of the forsaid Iohn, all his lond of karsyntoñ with all their pertynentis the which he had and held of the yifte and graunte of the forsaid Raaf. And also all the londis and tenementis that he had and held in the same towne of his owne getyng, as hit is conteyned in the charters more fully of[1] them of the which he had the londes and the tenementis, the which[2] he delyuered to the forsaid Iohn and Iulian and to their heires: to be had and to be hold, to the same Iohn and Iulian and to their heires, * of hym and of his heires or assignes for ever who-so-ever they be, frely quyetly holy and fully, yeldyng therof euery yere to hym and to his heires or to his assignes who-so-ever they be, at londoñ in his hous, a spere-hawke sowryng[3] at lammas, for all seruyce and exaccioun, and doyng ther seruyce to the lordis of the feys and of tho tenementis, that tho londis ought to do and were woned to do, for hym and for his heires or his assignes for euer. And he and his heires or assignes shold warantize to the same Iohn and Iulian and to their heires all the forseid londis and tenementis, with all their pertynentis, by the forsaid seruice of

[See no. 353.]

* leaf 77, back.

[Lammas = Aug. 1.] Quit-rent, a sparrow-hawk 'sowring.'

[1] i. e. of the persons of whom he had.
[2] i. e. charters.
[3] 'unum speruarium sorum.' *Sorus* = red, as a smoke-dried herring; 'sowring' = moulting for first time (Phillips's *World of Words*).

j. spere-hawke sowryng by yere, as hit is aforeseid, ayenst all men for ever. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

[352.] * A Charter of Iohn fitz Raaf of Wottoñ I-made to William of Seynt Eweyñ of all the lond and tenement that he had of the yifte of Alisaundir of Swereford somtyme tresorer of seynt Powles of londoñ. * leaf 78. About 1255.

Sale to William of Saint Ewyn, by John son of Ralph of Wotton,

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Iohn fitz Raaf yaf, & *cetera*, to William of seynt Eweyñ, all the londe and tenauntry that he had of the yifte of Alisaundir of Swereford, somtyme tresorer of seynt Paules of londoñ, that is to sey, of the londis the whiche the same Alisaundir had bothe of the yifte of the said Raaf his fadir and also of his owne getyng of *per*quysitis in karsyntoñ, *with*out ony reteynyng or *with*-holdyng-agayñ to hym or to his heires, to be had and to be hold, to the same William and to his heires or to whom-so-ever he wil yeve hit, assigne, selle, or bequeth, *with* all their *per*tynentis over all, *with*-in the towne of karsyntoñ or *with*-out, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, in demaynes rentis homagis wardes relefis villenagis or bondages and all other availes that comyn out of the londe, of hym and of his heires for eu*er*, *with* all fredomes in weyes and pathes medis and fedyngis and pasturis, yeldynge therof yerely to the chief lord of the fee, that is to sey, to William fitz Petir of karsyntoñ and to his heires, vj. d. at Cristmasse and j. paire of white gloves of the price of j. o*bolus* at Ester, And to the abbesse of Godestowe v. *shillings* at two t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at our lady day in marche ij. *shillings* vj. d. and at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d., And to the heires of *ser* Alisaundir of Swereford or to his assignes a sowring sperehawke at lammasse, And to hym and to his heires j. d. at Whitsontyde, for all seruyce custome and seculer demaund. And for this yifte graunte & *cetera* the said William yave to hym x. marke of siluer in warisoñ. Furthermore the same William and his heires or his assignes in all their lif shold yeve to hym j. paire hosen of the price of ij. *shillings* at Mighelmasse. And Iohn and his heires shold warantize aquyte and defende for ever to the forsaid William and to his heires or to

of no. 351,

subject to quit-rents, 6*d.* and gloves to the chief lord, 5*s.* to Godstow,

'a sowring spere-hawke' to the mesne lord; and 1*d.* to the lord under the mesne lord. Purchase-money, £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, and a clothing-allowance in life rent.

his assignes the fore-named lond and the fore-named tenement, with all their pertynentis over all, as hit is I-said afore, ayenst all peple. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

About 1260.

[353.] A Charter of William of seynt Eweyne I-made to William his sone and to Collette his wyf of all the lond that he had in karsynton * the whiche he had and held of the yifte and graunte of Iohn fitz Raaf.

* leaf 78, back.

Sale to William, son of William of Saint Ewyn, on his marriage with Collet, by William of Saint Ewyn the father, of his lands, as described in no. 352,

THE sentence of this charter is, that William of seynt Eweyne, for hym and his heires for ever, yaf, & *cetera*, graunted, delyuered, and confermed with this present charter, to William his sone and heire and to Colette his wyf, all his lond of karsynton, with all ther pertynentis, the whiche he had there and held of the yifte and graunte of Iohn fitz Raaf, for euer, with-out ony with-holdyng to hym or to his heires or his assignes, the which lond with the pertynentis the said Iohn fitz Raaf had of the yifte of Alisaundir of Swereford, somtyme of seynt Poules of london, as the Charter of the said Alisaundir I-made therof to the said Iohn fitz Raaf more fully witnessith, the whiche charter, to-gedir with his charter, (the which charter[1]) he toke and delyuered to the said William his sone and to Colette his wyf of the said lond with his pertynentis, the whiche he, that is to sey, the said Alisaundir, toke and delyuered to the said Iohn fitz Raaf, Also with his charter by the which he feffed the said Iohn fitz Raaf in the full shire of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the said William his sone and Colette his wyf and to ther heires or ther assignes or to whom so ever they wille yeve, selle, or bequeth, with all theire pertynentis ouer all, with-in the towne of karsynton and without, frely and quyetly wele and in pease, in demaynes rentis wardis relefis villenagis or bondagis and all other availes of londe, of hym his heires or his assignes, without ony with-holdyng to hym or to his heires or to his assignes, for ever, in weyes and pathes, medis, close pastures, and open pastures, and all other aisementis longyng to the forsaid lond, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordis dewe and woned rentis, that is to sey, to William fitz Petir of karsynton vi. d. at Cristmasse, and j. paire

[handing over of deeds concerning the land demised. Cp. no. 351.]

subject to the old quit-rents.

[1] Omit these words, as repeated in error.

of white gloves of the price of j. o*bolus* at Estir, And to the Abbesse of Godestowe v. s*hillings* at two t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at the Annunciacion of oure lady in Marche
4 ij. s*hillings* vj. d. and at Mighelmasse ij. s*hillings* vj. d, and to the heires of the said Alisaundir of Swereford or to his assignes a sperehawke sowr*e* at the fest of seynt Petir ad Vinc*u*la, and to Iohn fitz Raaf and to his heires j. d. at Whitsontyde, for
8 all seruyce custome and seculer demaunde. And William of Seynt Eweyne and his heires or his assignes warantized and defended for eu*er* the forsaid lond, w*ith* all their p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid William his sone and to Colette his wyf, and to
12 theire heires or to her assignes, ayenst all men bothe Iewes and cristen men. And for this yifte graunte delyueraunce and confirmaciou*n* warantizyng and his defendyng and of his heires or ther assignes the said William his sone and Colette his wyf
16 yaf to hym in warison xx. mark, of gold[1] and lawfull money. Also hit is to be know that he accorded in this wyse, bitwene William of seynt Eweyn for William his son and heire of þe one p*ar*te, And Iohn Merdon for Colet his wyf of the other
20 p*ar*te, that, yf the said William fitz William her husbond or spouse [died] and [she] brought forth a childe, that childe shold haue and possesse all the forsaid lond w*ith* the p*er*tynentis for eu*er* by right heritage. And, yf the said William son of the
24 forsaid William and * the childe I-gote of the seid Colet his wyf died, the said Colet shold haue the seid lond w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis all her lyf. And, yf the said Colet died afore William fitz William her husbond w*ith*-out childe, After her lyf
28 the forsaid Iohn, brother of the said Colette, or her assignes, shold have all the forsaid lond w*ith* all his p*er*tyne*ntes* x. yere for the penyes I-paid to the said William of seynt Eweyn fully to be levyed, w*ith*-out troublyng of the said William or of ony
32 in his name, and aft*er* x. yere fully complete the said lond shold turne ayene w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis to the said William or his heires or his assignes, w*ith*out ony mannes agayn-saiyng. And, yf hit happe that William of seynt Eweyne myght not warantize
36 the said lond w*ith* the p*er*tynentis to William his son and to Colete his wyf, he shold make to them a sufficiant eschaunge w*ith* his other londes w*ith* a competent or accordyng dwellyng

[St. Peter ad Vincula = Aug. 1.]

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £13 6*s.* 8*d.*

This grant is made subject to entail to the issue of the marriage,

* leaf 79.

[pennies = money.]

failing whom the lands shall revert to the grantor.

[1] Read 'good.' The Latin is 'bone et legalis monete.'

[Handborough.]

place in the towne of haneborowgh, after the sight of lawefull men. In-to witnesse, & *cetera*.

About 1265.

[354.] A relese and quyte-clayme of William fitz William of seynt Ewyn and of Nicholas his wyf I-made to *ser* Iordan of Aldeswelle of all the right and clayme that they had' in one mese w*ith* all the tenantries of the same Iordan w*ith* theire p*er*tynentis in karsynton.

Quit-claim to Jordan of Aldswell, by William son of William of Saint Ewyn, * leaf 79, back. of all title in messuage or lands.

THE sentence of this relese and quyte-clayme is, that William fitz William of Seynt Eweyn, and Nicholas his wyf, relesed' and by the teno*ur* of this p*re*sent writyng quyte-claymed', for hym and his heires, to sir Iordan of Aldeswelle and to his heires and to all his assignes all the right and * clayme that they seid' that they had' or myght have in ony mese londis and all tenementis of the same Iordan w*ith* all p*er*tynentis in karsynton, so that they and their heires shold' be vttirly excluded', bothe by certayn covenaunt and also by the teno*ur* of this p*re*sent writyng, fro all maner of right and clayme of right that thei myght have for ever in the forsaid' tenementis in ony maner of meanes and fo*ur*me. And that all this forsaid' thyngis shold' be sure for ever, w*ith*-out there reclaymyng or of their heires, they put to this writyng their seales. And furthermore, the forsaid' Nicholas made a bodely othe, to hold' truly the afore-written thyngis & *cetera*.

About 1265.

[355.] A Chart*er* of William of Seynt Eweyn that he resceived' of sir Iordan of Aldeswelle xv. marke of siluer for the relese and quyte-clayme of j. mese and j. hide lond' with the p*er*tynentis in karsynton.

Acknowledgement to Jordan of Aldswell, by William of Seynt Ewyn and wife, of receipt of £10, purchase-money of a

THE sentence of this writyng is, that William of Seynt Eweyn resceived' of sir Iordan of Aldeswelle xv. mark, of siluer for a relese and quyte-clayme of a mese and of j. hide lond' w*ith* the p*er*tynentis in karsynton, of the which he and Nicholas his wyf impletid' hym in the kyngis courte. And he shold' make Nicholas his wyf to come afore the kyngis Iustices at Oxenford' fro myghelmasse day into thre wokis, at Wodestok, or Eynysh*am*, or in such a co*n*venient place fro Oxenford' by viij. lekis

or myles, where hit myght most best and most profitable be do, whan that the Iustices come in tho countreyes, to the forsaid mese with the forsaid lond to be enchartred to hym. And, yf peraventure (that god [for]bede) gyle or ony defaute happe aboute that, of his parte or of the behalf of Nicholas his wyf, that þat be not I-do, he shold yelde to the forsaid Iordan or to his assigne the forseid xv. mark, with-out ony difficulte or tariyng. And he submytted hym vpon that to the Iurisdiccion and descroiyng of ony Iuge of the chirche or seculer, the which the forsaid Iordan wold chese or ony assigne of them, renounsyng and forsakyng all excepcion, agayn-saiyng or contradiccion, kyngis prohibicion, priuylege of courte, and all right and dede by the which the fore-put thyngis myght be lette or elles I-taried agayn. And that he willed his heires and also his executours suerly to be bounde and to be hold, yf by ony case god did his wille by hym: and to all these fore-writte thyngis and everich to be do and feithfully I-holde, the forsaid William bounde hym-self by an othe, I-made vpon the holy godspellis, the which he touched with his hondes. In-to witnesse, & *cetera*.

messuage and a hide, probably no. 354.

[356.] *A Charter of Richard Botele confermyng to Thomas Hyde and to moolde his wyf a mese in karsynton with half an acre longyng therto.

* leaf 80. About 1240.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Richard of Botele yaf, & *cetera*, to Thomas hyde and to moolde his wyf a mese in the towne of karsynton, with half j. acre liyng to the same mese, that is to sey, that the same Thomas held a-fore of hym: To be hold and to be had, of hym and of his heires, to hym and to Moold his wyf all the dayes of theire lyf, frely quyetly and pesibly. And yf the forsaid Thomas dye before, the forsaid Moolde or her assignes shold hold the forsaide tenement all the tyme of her lyf. Also if the forsaid moolde dye before, the forsaid Thomas or his assignes shold hold hit all the tyme of hys lyf. Also he willed that the forsaid Thomas and Moolde myght haue power to yeve and selle the forsaid tenement to who-so-ever they wold, except to religious houses and to the Iurye, so that at the ende of theire lif, the forsaid tenement shold turne ayene pesibly to hym and to his heires, with-out

Life-rent to Thomas and Maud Hide,

by Richard of Botley, of a messuage and half-acre,

with power to sub-let for their term, [exceptis religiosis et Iudaeis]

ony agayn̄-saiyng̃ of ony man. And for that tenement the forsaid̃ Thomas and Moolde, or which̃ of hem levid̃ lengist, shold̃ yeld̃ to hym yerely and to his heires iij. *shillings* ix. d̃. at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at seynt Thomas day the appostle xj. d̃. q*ua.*, and at our lady day in marche xj. d̃. q*ua.*, at the Natiuite of seynt Io̅hn Baptist xj. d̃. q*ua.*, and at Mighelmas xj. d̃. q*ua.*, for all̃ *ser*uyce custome and demaunde, sauyng̃ the kyngis seruyce longy*ng̃* to such̃ a tenement. And the said̃ Richard̃ and his heires shold̃ warantize to the forsaid̃ Thomas and to moolde his wyf or to their assignes all̃ the forsaid̃ tenement, as hit is I-said̃ before, ayenst all̃ mortall̃ men. And for this g*ra*unte and yifte the forsaid̃ Thomas yaf hym two mark, of siluer in warison̄. And that this yifte, & *cetera.*

reserved rent, 3*s.* 9*d.*,

and scutage.

Purchase-money, £1 6*s.* 8*d.*

* leaf 79, back. About 1260.

[357.] *A relese of Moold̃ somtyme the wyf of Thomas hide I-made to Iordan of Aldeswelle and to his heires or his assignes for two yerdis of lond̃ w*ith* the p*er*tynentis in karsynton̄.

Quit-claim to Jordan of Aldswell, by Maud Hide, widow, of all title in no. 356.

* leaf 80.

THE sentence of this relese is, that Moolde the whiche was the wyf of Thomas hyde relesed̃ and quyte-claymed̃, for her and her heires, to Iordan of Aldeswelle and to his heires and their assignes, in her wedowhode and in her lawfull̃ power, all̃ the right and clayme that she had̃ or in any *maner wise myght have in two acris[1] of lond̃ w*ith* the p*er*tynentis in karsynton̄, the which̃ she said̃ were her right and her mariage, So that nother the forsaid̃ Moolde nother her heires shold̃ not haue no thynge of right in the forsaid̃ lond̃ nor in none o*per* lond̃ myght never clayme that the forsaid̃ Iordan held̃ in karsynton̄. And that this relese and quyte-claymyng̃ shold̃ be ferme and stable for her and for her heires for ever, She put to this writyng̃ her seale, & *cetera.*

* leaf 80, back. About 1268.

[358.] *A quyte-clayme of sir*e* Iordan, p*er*son̄ of Wydynton̄, I-made to god and to the chirche of seynt Io̅hn Baptist of Godestowe, of xxx. s*hillings* of yerely rent in the towne of karsynton̄.

Quit-claim to Godstow,

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iordan of Aldeswelle, p*er*son̄ of the chirche of wydynton̄, graunted̃, and quyte

[1] In error for 'yerdis' = roods.

claymed', to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god and to serve for ever, into pure and perpetuell almesse, all the right and clayme that he had' or myght haue in xxx. *shillings* of yerely rent, with all dewe and wonyd' seruyce homages wardis and relefis, that is to sey, of the londes the which william fitz Richard' of Boteley and henry fitz Theodulf and Agnes the doughtir of Robert of Comnore held' of hym in the towne of karsyntoñ: To be hold' and to be had', as hit is aforeseid', for ever, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, so that nother he, nor his heires, or his assignes, in the forsaid' men and there tenementis shold' no thynge axe ne clayme. In-to witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*.

by Jordan of Aldswell,

of 30*s*. quit-rents, issuing out of free-holds, and of manorial rights over the hold-ings.

[359.] *A quyte-clayme of Iordan of Aldeswelle, I-made to god' and to the chirch of seynt Iohn Baptist and to the mynchons there seruyng god, of all his londys in karsyntoñ and Thorp̄.

* leaf 80. About 1268.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is that Iordan of Aldeswelle yaf *graunted'* and quyte-claymed', for hym and his heires, to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god, into purē and perpetuel almesse, all his londis of karsyntoñ and Thorp̄, with all theire pertynentis, with-out ony reteynyng to hym and to his heires, and with all that þat myght falle to hym and to his heires in ony wise in the forsaid' places, to be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' chirche and mynchons, frely pesibly and holy, of the lordis of the feis, doyng to them̄ dewe and wonyd' seruyces. And *that this his yifte graunte and quyte-clayme be sure for ever, & *cetera*.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Jordan of Aldswell,

of all his lands in Cassing-ton and Thrup.

* leaf 80, back.

[360.] *A Charter of Iordan of Aldeswell confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all his londes in karsyngtoñ and Thorp̄.

* leaf 218. About 1268.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iordañ of Aldeswell yaf, *graunted'*, and by his charter confermed' and quyteclaymed', for

Duplicate[1] of preceding.

[1] The translator, in the multiplicity of Cassington documents, seems to have lost his place. After translating the transcripts in the Latin Register, he possibly came across some of the actual deeds in the muniment-chest. The few duplicates, which have thus resulted, are given, the slight differences between translation and re-translation not being wholly uninstructive.

hym and for his heires, to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god, in fre and perpetuell almesse, all his londes of karsyngton and of Thorp, with all his pertynentis, without ony witholdyng to hym or to his heires, and with all that which to hym or to his heires myght falle to, in ony maner wise, in the placis aforseid: To have and to hold, to the forseid chirch and mynchons, frely pesibly and holy, of the lordis of the fee, Doyng to them therfor service due and accustomed. And that þis his yifte graunte and quyteclayme to abide ferme and stable for ever, to this present charter he sette to his seale. These beyng witnesse: ser Philippe Basset, ser Iohn of Balny, Iohn of Coleshull, Nicholas of kyngeston, burgeys of Oxenford, Iohn Pady, william of seynt Audoene, william le megre, william the sone of Piers, Robert Punchard, Symond Punchard, Symond Englissh, Nicholas the sone of Petir of wyuelycote, and other.

* leaf 80, back. 12$\frac{99}{70}$, Jan. 20.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Richard, king of the Romans, as over-lord, of no. 359.

[361.] * A confirmacion of the same, I-made by Richard, kynge of Romayns.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Richard, kyng of Romayns, confermyng the yifte and sellyng that Iordan of Aldeswelle made to the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe in karsyngton and Thorp that were of his fee, for hym and his heires. In-to witnesse of the which thynge, he made to be prynted to this present writyng with the seale of his ryall maieste. The date at Bekkele, the xx. day of Ianyvere, the xiij. yere of his reigne.

[Beckley.]

* leaf 218. 12$\frac{99}{70}$, Febr. 20.

Duplicate of preceding.

* leaf 218, back.

[362.] * A Confirmacion of kyng Richard vpon the same, & *cetera*.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Richard, by the grace of god kyng of Romayns, all wey Emperour, Sende gretyng and all *good. [The] yifte and sellyng which Iordan of Aldeswell made to the Abbesse and Covent of Godestow in karsyngton and Thorpe, which ben of our fee, we havyng hit ferme and stable, and by the tenour of this present writyng we conferme it for vs and our heires for evermore. In witnesse

wherof, to this present writyng the seale of our kyngly mageste we have made to be put to. The date at Beckeley the xx. day of February, The yere of our reigne xiij.

[363.] * A fynall concorde, I-made bitwene Isowde, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Iordan of Aldeswelle. * leaf 80, back. 1272, July 1.

4 THIS is the fynall concorde, I-made in the kyngis courte at westmynstre, in the vtas of seynt Iohn Baptist, the lvj. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the son of kyng Iohn, Afore Martyn lytlebyre, Stephyn heym, and Robert Folcon, Iusticis, and other 8 trew men of the kyngis there beyng present, bitwene Isowde, Abbesse of Godestowe, playnyng, by William of Eynesham I-sette in her stede to gete or to lese, of Iordan of Aldewelle, lettyng, by Walter Westmancote I-sette in his stede to gete or 12 to lese, of twey ploughlond with theire pertynentis in karsynton, wherof a ple of warantize was I-take bitwene them in the same courte, that is to sey, that the forsaid Iordan made a knowlech and recognicion the forsaid lond with the pertynentis to be the 16 right of the same Abbesse of Godestowe and of her chirch of Godestowe, as that þat the same Abbesse and her chirche aforsaid had of the yifte of the forsaid Iordan: To be had and to be hold, to the same Abbesse and to other Abbessys that shold 20 succede to her and to her chirche aforsaid, of the forsaid Iordan and his heires for euer, yeldyng therof by yere one Rose at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, for all seruyce custome and exaccion longyng to the same Iordan and to his heires, doyng 24 therof to the chief lordis of that fee for the forsaid Iordan and his heires all other seruyces that longen to the same lond. And the forsaid Iordan * and his heires sholde warantize to the same abbesse and to other abbesse that shold succede her and 28 to her chirche aforsaid the forsaid lond with the pertynentis, by the forsaid seruicis, ayenst all men for ever. And for this recognicion warantizyng fyne and accorde, the same abbesse yaf to the forsaid Iordan iiij. score mark, of siluer.

Sale to Godstow, by Jordan of Aldswell, of two plough-lands. Quit-rent, a rose at Midsummer, with the old services. * leaf 81. Purchase-money, £53 6s. 8d.

[364.] A quytaunce I-made to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe of an obligacion of CC. li. of sterlyngis. 1272, July 2.

32 THE sentence of this quytaunce is, that Iordan of Aldeswelle, person of the chirche of wydynton, knowleched hym-self to Acquittance to Godstow,

by Jordan of Aldswell, for £200, purchase-money of lands in Cassington and Thrup.

haue resceived' CC. li. of sterlyngis of the religious women the lady abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, in the which the seid' women were I-bounde by theire *lett*res obligatories for londes and rentis, the which they had' of hym in the towne of karsyn- 4 ton̄ and Thorp̄; for the whiche resceivyng he claymed' the forsaid' Religeous wom*en* quytte fro all impeticion̄ or axyng vexyng or inquyetyng by the occasion̄ of the CC. li., renuncyng to the excepcion of not I-numbred' not I-paid' and of the money 8 not I-take to hym. In-to witnesse of the whiche he put to this *pre*sent writyng his seale. The date at Godestowe, in Seynt Swythynys day, The yere of our lord' M'.CC lxxij.

[Within = July 2.]

* leaf 218. 1272, July 2.

[365.] * An acquytaunce of Iordan̄ Aldeswell made to the abbesse of Godestowe of CC mark resceived' for londis in karsyngton̄.

Duplicate of preceding.

THE sentence of this acquytaunce is, that Iordan̄ of Aldes- 12 welle, *par*son̄ of the chirche of wydyndon̄, resceived' CC. li. sterlyngis of the Religious women lady Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, in which the forseid' women to hym were bounde by theire lettres of obligacion̄, for londes and rentes which thei 16 had' of hym in the towne of karsyngton̄ and Thorp̄. For which forseid' receivyng, the forseid' religious women fro all maner impechynge vexyng and troublyng by occasion̄ of the forseid' CC. li quyte therof fro all clayme, renuncyng excepcion̄ not 20 remembred' of none payment to me taken̄. In witnesse wherof to this *pre*sent *lett*res, he hath put to his seale. The date at Godestow, on seynt Swythynes day the confessour, the yere of our lord' god a thousand' two hundred' sixty and twelf. 24

* leaf 218, back. About 1272.

[366.] * A-nother Chart*er* of the same Abbesse and Couent.

Disposal by Godstow, of part of income of above lands (£4 2*s*. 8*d*.)

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Isolde, Abbesse of Godestowe, for the availe and *pro*fite of theire hous of Godestowe, w*ith* the assent and counseil of all the Couent, in an yerely rent[1] of iiij. li*brae* ij. s*hillings* viij. d'. of the lond' of 28 karsyngton̄, which they bought of *ser* Iordan̄ of Aldeswell,

[1] The sum should probably be £4 8*s*. 8*d*., which with the £1 11*s*. 4*d*. from the exchequer, would give an even sum of £6.

parsoñ of the chirch of wydyntoñ, in theire tyme for theire hous provided; and another rent, that is to sey, xxxj. shillings iiij. d, of the kyngis Escheker by longe tyme not I-paid, by grete labour * they gate hit. The said Abbesse and Couent vndirstondyng the poverte in vitayles to be bettered, the same rentes yerely to be had (of the consente of their worshipfull fadir, Richard by þe grace of god bisshop of lyncolne) to the same Couent for a pytaunce was graunted and assigned. And that this theire graunte shold stonde sure, to this present writyng thei procured the forseid worshipfull fadir to put to his seale, with the Commune seale; and the seale of the forsaid Isold, than beyng Abbesse of Godestow, was sette therto. And to the more surenesse of this ordynaunce to be obserued, all withseyers and attemptours to breke this writyng or presume to withdraw hit, by the Auctorite and power of the seid Bisshop of lyncolne, solempnely in theire Chapiter they made to be accursed.

and of a rent-charge on the Exchequer (£1 11s. 4d.), * leaf 219.

[Richard Gravesend, bishop of Lincoln 1258–79.]

in improvement of their dining allowance.

[Anathema on violators.]

[367.] * A Charter of Robert Frytewelle, relesyng to the abbesse of Godestowe, and to the mynchons there servyng god, all his right and clayme that he myght haue ayenst the same abbesse and Couent vpon homages, & *cetera*.

* leaf 81. About 1279.

The sentence of this evidence is, that Robert Frytewelle relesed and vttirly quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires for ever, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god, all the right and clayme that he had or in ony wise myght haue toward the forsaid abbesse and mynchons vpon homages, relefis, rentis, wardis, sutis of courte, helpis to there first begoten sones to be made knyghtis, and ther first begoten doughtirs to be maried, in all othere thyngis and seruycis longyng to hym and to his heires, the which longen to half the fee of a knyght that was of the fee[1] of Stephyn Frytewelle his fadir, and of the fee[2] of sir William Brouñ, that they had of the yifte of Iordan of Aldeswelle in the towne of karsyntoñ and Thorp: To be had and to be hold, for hym and his heires, into pure and perpetuel almesse, for the sowles of all there

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Robert of Fritwell,

of manorial rights

over lands acquired from Jordan of Aldswell.

[1] See no. 341. [2] See no. 377.

auncetours, so that nother he nother his heires shold' never afterward' axe ony thynge of the forsaid' abbesse and mynchons of the abouesaid' relefis rentis wardis sutis of courte and helpis abouesaid', but that they shold' of dewte defende warantiȝe and aquyte the forsaid' abbesse and mynchons in all thyngis ayenst all peple. And for as moche as he willed' that this his relese and quyte-clayme shold' be sure, & *cetera*.

* leaf 79.
A.D. 1279.

[368.] * A Charter of Adam Ermyn fitz Iohn Ermyn of Wotton relesyng and quyte-claymyng for hym and his heires to the Abbesse of Godestowe all his right and clayme in one hous with j. plough-lond with all pere pertynentis in karsynton.

Sale to Godstow, by Adam, son of John Ermyne, of Wotton,

of all right in a messuage and plough-land.

[Crowmarsh, in Oxfordshire, opposite Wallingford.]

Purchase-money, £20.

THE sentence of this relese is, that Adam, I-called' Ermyne, the son of Iohn Ermyne of Wotton, relesed' and quyte-claymed', for hym and his heires, to the Abbesse and Covent of Godestowe, all the right and clayme that he had' or by ony right myght haue by[1] skille of his wyf Alice and Iohn Wotton fitz Raaf of Wotton his vncle, in one mese with one plough-lond' with all there pertynentes in the towne of karsynton, vpon the which he impleted' the forsaid' Abbesse and Couent by a bref that is I-called' 'Breue de morte of Auncetours' afore ser Robert Fowle and ser Robert malet, the kyngis Iustice of that assise to be take at Crowmerssh, the friday[2] next after the fest of seynt Iames the apostle, the vij. yere of kyng Edward', so that nother he ne none of his heires shold' not afterward' chalange nother clayme no right ne clayme in the forsaid' mese and plough-lond' with theire pertynentis. And for this his relese and quyte-clayme, the forsaid' Abbesse and Couent yaf to hym xx. li. of sterlyngis in the presence of the forsaid' Iustices. Furthermore hit is to be know that the said' Adam shold' make levey with his owne costis vpon this relese in the kyngis Courte whan that he shold' be requyred' of the said' Abbesse and Covent. In-to witnesse, & *cetera*.

[1] 'ratione Alicie matris mee.' [2] Friday, July 28, 1279.

[5. Lands acquired through Odo, chaplain.]

[369.] * **A Charter confermyng to Odo, Clerk, of Godestowe, j. acre of arable lond and j. pece liyng therto in the feld of karsyntoñ.** * Leaf 70. About 1275.

THE sentence of this evidence is, that William fitz Petir of karsyntoñ, of the assent and consent of Iohane his wyf and of theire heires, yaf, & *cetera*, to Odo, clerk, of Godestowe, an acre of lond with a pece of lond liyng therto, of his arable lond in the feld of karsyntoñ, that is to sey, that acre that lieth next the grene weye bitwene two feldes, strecchyng hitself fro the demayne somtyme of *ser* william mounte-Acu vnto the lond of Symond Punchard; and ij. rodes of mede in Farnehulle, that is to sey, j. rode in the first lotte, another Rode in the last lotte: to be hold and to be had, that is to sey, the forsaid acre of londe, *with* the pece, *with* the rodes of mede, *with* their *per*tynentis and all lib*er*teis, in weies pathes medes fedynges and pastures, of hym and of his heires or his assignes, * to the said Odo and his heires or his assignes to whom-so-ever he wold (hole or sike[1]) yeve bequeth selle or assigne hit, frely quyetly pesibly and holy and worshipfully for euer, bothe to Religeous houses and other, yeldyng therof yerely to hym, to his heires or his assignes, j. o*bolus* at Ester, for all seculer seruyce, exaccion and demaunde, custome, sute of Courte, and kyngis seruyce that myght be axed of hym or of his heires or assignes or of the chief lord for the enchesoñ of the forsaid acre of lond, *with* the said pece, *with* the ij. rodes of mede aforsaid. And the forsaid will*iam* fitz petir of karsyntoñ and his heires or his assignes shold warantize acquyte and defende for eu*er* the forsaid acre of lond, *with* the litell pece of lond, and ij. rodes of mede aforseid, *with* all their *per*tynentis and lib*er*tees afore I-writte, to the forsaid Odo his heires or his assignes or to who-so-euer they were yeve, *with* his owne costes, ayenst all men and women, bothe Iewys and cristen men. And for this yifte, graunte, and confermyng of this writyng and warantizyng, the forsaid Odo yaf to hym lx. *shillings* of sterlyngis before handes in waryson. And that this his yft, & *cetera*, he put to his seale, & *cetera*.

Sale to Odo, chaplain, acting for Godstow, by William son of Peter of Karsynton and his wife Joan, of 1 acre arable, and adjacent piece; and of 2 roods meadow, assigned by lot.

* leaf 70, back.

Quit-rent, ½*d.* yearly.

Purchase-money, £3.

[1] This clause is inserted because, in many manors, transfers of land made in sickness were regarded as invalid except when effected before special witnesses.

About 1275.

[370.] A Charter of j. acre mede I-bought of William Fitz Petir in the mede of Roveneye in the parissh of karsyntoñ.

Sale to Odo, chaplain, by William son of Peter of Karsynton,

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Fitz Petir of karsyntoñ, *with* assent and consent of Iohane his wyf and his heires, yaf, graunted, and *with* his charter confermed, to Odo, Clerk, of Godestowe, j. acre of mede in the mede that is I-called 4 Rouueneye *with*-in the limityng of the parissh of karsyntoñ, that is to sey, that acre that is next to Cogchesham, to be hold and to be had *with* all his pertynentis and liberteis in weyes pathes medis fedyng-places and pastures, of hym and 8 of his heires or his assignes, to the said Odo his heires or his assignes, to everich and to all what-so-ever they be [to which he], hole or sike, wold yeve bequeth selle or assigne hit, quyetly frely pesibly holy and worshipfully for ever, bothe to religious houses 12 and other, yeldyng therof yerely to hym his heires or to his assignes j. rose at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist, for all seculer seruice, exaccioñ, and demaunde, custome, sute of courte, and seruyce riall, the whiche be axed of hym his heires or assignes 16 because of the forseid acre mede. And the forseid William fitz Petir of karsyntoñ and his heires or his assignes shold warantize aquyte and defende for euer all the forsaid acre of mede, *with* alle the pertynentis, to the forsaid Odo and his heires or to his assignes, 20 ayenst all men and women *with* their owne costes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Odo yaf to hym before handis in warisoñ xx. *shillings* of sterlinges. And that his yifte, & *cetera*. 24

of 1 acre of meadow.

Quit-rent, a rose.

Purchase-money, £1.

* leaf 71. 127⅝, Jan. 24.

[371.] * A Charter of William Fitz Petir of karsyntoñ of an acre of arable londe in the felde of karsyntoñ.

Sale to Odo, Chaplain, by William son of Peter of Karsynton,

THE sentence of this Charter is, that william fitz Petir of karsyntoñ yaf, & *cetera*, to sire Odo, Chapeleyñ of Godestowe, one acre of his arable lond in the feld of karsyntoñ, of the whiche one half acre lieth at the redehegge, bitwene the lond 28 of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Symond Bonetoñ, and j. other half acre lieth at Thoryndoñ, bitwene the lond of the seid Abbesse and the lond of Geffrey Bras: to be holde and to be had, *with* all their pertynentis, of hym and his heires or 32

of 2 half-acres.

his assignes, to the said' Odo of Godestowe, Chapelayn, and to his heires or his assignes religious and other, frely quyetly wele and in pease and holy for euer, yeldyng therof yerely j. rose at
4 the fest of Seynt Iohn Baptist to hym and his heires or his assignes, for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde, and sute of courtes. And the forsaid' william Fitz Petir and his heires or his assignes warantized' aquyted' and defended' all the
8 forsaide acre of arable lond', with all his pertynentis, to the said' Odo, Chapelayne, and to his heires or his assignes, Religious and other, with theire owne costis, ayenst all men and women for euer. And in-to witnesse therof, he putte to this writyng
12 his seale, & *cetera*. The date at karsynton, the Friday next after the fest of seynt Vyncent, the iiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward'.

Quit-rent, a rose.

[Vincent = Jan. 22.]

[372.] *A Charter of half an acre of mede I-bought of Nicholas of karsynton Fitz Petir of Wyuelcote.

* leaf 70, back. About 1276.

Sale to Odo, chaplain, by Nicholas son of Peter of Wilcote, of 2 roods of meadow,

The sentence of this Charter is, that Nicholas of karsynton
16 fitz Petir of wyuelcote yaf, graunted', and with his charter confermed', to Odo, Clerk, of Godestowe, ij. rodes of mede of his mede, that is to sey, in his mede of farnehulle with-in the lymytes of the parissh of karsynton, of the which one lieth in
20 the first *West lotte out-take one lotte as the lotte yeveth, and another in the last lotte: to be holde and to be had', with all their pertynentis and libertees in weyes pathes medes fedynges and pastures, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said'
24 Odo and his heires or his assignes to euerich and to alle what ever they be to whiche he (hole or sike) wold' yeve bequeth selle or assigne hit, frely quyetly pesibly holy and worshipfully for ever, bothe to Religious houses and to other, yeldyng therof
28 yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes j. rose at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist, for all seculer service exaccion and demaunde sute of courte and kynges service that myght be axed' of hym and his heires or his assignes or of the chefe lord'
32 for the forsaid' ij. Rodes of mede. And the forsaid' Nicholas of karsynton Fitz Petir of wyuelcote and his heires or his assignes shold' warantize aquyte and defende for euer, with theire owne costes, the forsaid' ij. rodes of mede, with all theire pertynentis

* leaf 71. assigned by lot.

Quit-rent a rose.

[Warranty against Jews.]

and fredoms afore I-towched, to the forsaid Odo and to his heires or to his assignes, what or who-so-euer thei shold be, ayenst all men and women, bothe Iewys and cristen. And for this yifte, graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Odo yaf to hym xxx. *shillings* of siluer before handes in warison. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £1 10*s*.

* leaf 71. About 1276.

[373.] * A Charter of sire Odo of Godestowe confermyng to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ij. acres of mede and an acre of arable lond in the feld of karsynton.

* leaf 71, back.

* The sentence of this evidence is that Odo of Godestowe, Chapeleyn, yaf, & *cetera*, to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to *ser*ue for eu*er*, j. acre of arable lond in the towne of karsynton, that is to sey, that londe that lieth next to the grenewey bitwene the two feldes, and hit strecchith hit-self fro the demayne of *ser* will*ia*m mounte-Acu vnto the lond of Symond Punchard; and ij. acres of mede in the same towne, of the whiche one lieth in the mede of Rewneye and is I-called the hedeacre, and iiij. Rodes lien in farenhulle, of the which one lieth in the first lotte, the which rode was somtyme of william fitz Petir, And another rode lieth in that lotte, that is to sey, the which he had of Nicholas fitz Petir of Wyuelcote, and ij. rodes lien in the last lotte, of the which one he had of will*ia*m fitz Petir and another of Nicholas of wyuelcote; and xviij. d. of yerely rent in the same towne, that is to sey, xij. d. of the mese of hugh meryman of Somerford at ij. tymes of the yere to be take by even p*ar*tes, that is to sey at the fest of Seynt Michell and at oure lady day in Marche, and vj. d. of the mese of Iohn Baker of Godestowe to be take at Mighelmas; to be had and to be hold, w*ith* homagis wardis relefis and eschetis and all other p*er*tynentis ou*er* all, of hy*m* and of his heires, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, into p*er*petuel almes, yeldyng therof to the lordis of the fee dewe and wonyd seruyce, and to Alice of watlyngton and to Anneys of the same towne x. *shillings*, al so longe as they liven, at ij. t*er*mes of the yere to be take of his man*er* of karsynton, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse v. *shillings*, and at oure lady day

Grant to Godstow, by Odo, chaplain,

of nos. 369, 370, 371,

and of quit-rents on lands, viz. 18.,

and 6*d*.,

with manorial rights over the lands,

subject to two life-annuities,

in marche v. *shillings*; and the said' x. *shillings* after the decesse of them shold' remayne and abide to a pytaunce of the couent of Godestowe, in the day of the annyu*er*sary of william[1], somtyme keper of Godestowe, and to the light in the chapell of oure lady of Godestowe, and[2] xviij. d., for the soule of the said' [william[1]], to be paid' at the said' t*er*mes for all seruyce, sutis of courtis, and seculer demandis. And the said' Odo and his heires warantiȝed' for eu*er* the forsaid' acre of lond', w*ith* all the mede and xviij. d. of yerely rent afore-noted', w*ith* all the*re* other p*er*tynentis ou*er*-all afore-writte, to the said' mynchons and to *þere* successours. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

which afterwards are to be a pittance in memory of Gilbert of Biham.

[374.] * A Charter of the Abbesse and Couent of Godestow, I-made to Odo, of a pencion in karsyngton.

* leaf 219. About 1276.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Isolde of Durh*a*m, by the grace of god Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, yaf, graunted', and by ther p*re*sent chart*er* confermed', to Odo, p*ar*son of the chirche of Dagelyngworth, executor of william somtyme maister of Godestowe, xx. *shillings* of yerely rent to be taken in the towne of karsyngton, That is for to sey, of william of Boteley and Nicholas his brother, xv. *shillings* at iiij. t*er*mes in the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmas iij. *shillings* ix. d', And at the fest of our lady in the moneth of marche iij. *shillings* ix. d', and at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist iij. *shillings* ix. d', And at the fest of seynt Michel iij. *shillings* ix. d'; And of Iohn Braȝ, the son*e* of william Braȝ, v. *shillings*, by yere, at the forseid' t*er*mes, that is forto sey, at every t*er*me xv. d': To haue and to hold', of them and ther successours, to the forseid' Odo and his assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euermore: So, that is to sey, that hit shall not be lefull to the forsaid' Odo the forseid' xx. *shillings* of yerely rent to selle, biquethe, assigne, nor aliene, but vnto the Froiture of the forseid' mynchons of Godestow in the day of

Sale by Godstow, to Odo, chaplain,

of rent-charges amounting to £1.

to endow a pittance for the refectory

[1] Comparison with no. 376 shows that 'William' is in error for 'Gilbert of Biham' (Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 184). William's obit was endowed with 20*s*. yearly, and the deed relating to it is no. 375.

[2] The 'and' is inserted in error. The Latin is: 'ad pittanciam conventus remaneant, et ad lumen in capella Beate Marie de Godestowe xviii. d*enarii* pro a*nima* d*icti* Willelmi.'

on the anniversary of William, 'custos' of Godstow.

the Annyuersary of william, somtyme maister of Godestow. And the forsaid' Abbesse and covent and their successoures the forseid' xx. *shillings* of yerely rent to the forseid' Odo and his assignes aforseid' ayenst all maner of men shall warantiȝe acquyte and defende for evermore, in the fourme aforewriten. And for this yifte, graunte, and of this present charter confermyng, the forsaid' Odo yaf to hem xx. mark, of sterlynges afore handis in warison. And that this yifte graunte and warantiȝyng shold' be stable and abide for ever, to this present writyng bothe there commune seale and the seale of the abbesse *aforseid' ben I-put to. These beyng witnesse:—ser Robert, perpetuel vicary of Donynton, than Maister of Godestow; wakelyn, Clerk, of Godestowe; ser Richard', perpetuel vicary of karsyngton; Iohn Pady; william of Seynt Audoene; Iohn Portar of Eynesham; william the sone of piers of karsyngton; Symond' Englisse; Robert Punchard'; and other.

Purchase-money, £13 6*s.* 8*d.*

* leaf 219, back.

About 1276.

[375.] A Charter of ser Odo, parson of the chirch of Dagelyngworth, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe of xx. *shillings* to the Froiture.

Grant to Godstow, by Odo, chaplain,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Odo, parson of the chirche of Dagelyngworth, executor somtyme of william, maister of Godstow, yaf, graunted, and by his charter confermed, to god and to our lady seynt marie and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the holy mynchons ther seruyng god and for evermore to serve, xx. *shillings* of yerely rent in the towne of karsyngton, to be taken yerely of william of Boteley and Nicholas his brother and of Iohn Braȝ the sone of walter Braȝ, that is to sey, tho xx. *shillings* which he bought of lady Isolde of Durham, Abbesse of Godestow, and of the Couent of the same place, for xx. mark, sterlyngis: And that same specially vnto the Froiture of Godestowe assigned, vnto a pytaunce of the Couent in the day of the Annyuersary of william, somtyme maister of the same monastory; To haue and to hold, the forseid' xx. *shillings*, of hym, to the forseid' mynchons and to ther successours for evermore, as it is aforseid. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng he put to his seale. These beyng witnesse: ser Robert, perpetuell vicary of Donyn-

of the rent-charges as in no. 374,

to the refectory of Godstow,

to found an obit for William, 'custos' of Godstow.

toñ, than maister of Godestow; ser Robert and ser Thomas, than Chapeleyns of Godestow; wakelyñ, Clerk; Iohñ Chelesey, than Seneschall of Godestowe; william the sone of Piers; Iohn
4 Clerk; and many other.

[376.] *A Charter of Isolde of Durham, abbesse of Godestow, confermyng to the Froytir of Godestow x. *shillings* in karsyngtoñ, & *cetera*. * leaf 218, back. About 1276.

Grant by Godstow, to its own refectory, to provide a pittance on the anniversary of Gilbert of Biham,

The sentence of this charter is, that Isolde of Durham, by the grace of God abbesse of Godestow, and the Couent of the same place, yaf, graunted, and by their present charter con-
8 fermed, to the Froiture of Godestow, in the day of the Annyuersary of Maister Gilbert of Byham, x. *shillings* of yerely rent in the towne of karsyngtoñ, to be takeñ of Symond Boneton of karsyngtoñ and of Iohn Braȝ, that is for to sey, of Symond
12 Boneton, vij. *shillings* vj. d. at iiij. termes in the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmas xxij. d. ob*olus*, and at the fest of our lady in the monthe of Marche xxij. d. ob*olus*, And at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist xxij. d ob*olus*, and at the fest of seynt
16 Mighell xxij. d ob*olus*; And of the seid Iohn Braȝ ij. *shillings* vj. d by yere at the forseid termes, that is to sey, at every terme, vij. d. ob*olus*. And the forsaid Abbesse and Couent, the forseid x. *shillings* of yerely rent, to the forseid Froiture and
20 the day I-sette, ayenst all men shall warantiȝe, acquyte, and defende for evermore. And for this yifte, graunte, and warantiȝing, the executours of the forsaid maister Gilbert of Byham yaf to hem x. mark sterlyngis before hondis in warisoñ. And that
24 this their yifte, graunte, and warantiȝyng, be ferme and stable for evermore, to this present writyng their commune seale, with the seale of the Abbesse, they have put to, witnessyng theire Chapiter.

whose executors gave Godstow £6 13*s.* 4*d.*

[6. Lands acquired from Peter of Ashridge.]

[377.] *A licence for to entre into the fee of William Brouñ I-graunted to Petir Esserugge. * leaf 71, back. About 1240.

Licence to Peter of

28 The sentence of this licence is, that William Brouñ yaf licence and graunted that Petir of Esserugge shold entir in-to

Ashridge, to enter into the fee of William Broun.

his fee of karsyntoñ, And he willed' and graunted' hit to be sure for hym and his heires that the said' Petir his heires or assignes shold' have and enioye the forsaid' entryng, so that the said' William or his heires myght not ne shold' no thynge axe of the forsaid' Petir or of his heires or of his assignes by the resoñ of that entryng, save to hym and to his heires seruyce therof dew and woned' of right. And that this his yifte and graunt shold' be sure, he put to this writyng his seale. In-to witnesse, & *cetera*.

[Note.—The obtaining of this licence was a protection against the arbitrary powers of the lord of a manor, who might charge an excessive fine for leave to take over land belonging to his 'fee.' On some Essex manors at the present day, for example, the custom of the manor assigns to the lord a whole year's income of that copyhold by acquisition of which a new tenant first comes into the manor. A wary purchaser, in such cases, takes care to acquire at first only a cottage or a single small field, thereby securing, at a cheap rate, the position of a tenant. An unwary person, acquiring a large farm as his first purchase, has been afterwards presented with a claim for the first year's rent (£700), as entry-fine.]

* leaf 72. About 1240.

[378.] * A Charter of Richard' Blunde of karsyntoñ I-made to henry Lasseberwe of viij. acres of arable Lond' and of ij. acres of mede in karsyntoñ, paiyng therof yerely ij. d'. at Ester for all seculer seruyce.

Sale to Henry Lesseberwe, by Richard Blunde, of 8 acres arable,

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard' Blunde yaf & *cetera* to Henry Lesseberwe, for his seruyce, viij. acres of arable lond' in the feldis of karsyntoñ :

of the whiche j. half acre lieth in the peselonde, bitwene the lond' of Robert Bagod' and the lond' of Robert Duzeper, and hit strecchith hit-self toward' the northe; and half j. acre lieth in alderdeslade, beside the londe of Iohn Dynewyñ of the southe parte; and j. rode lieth in the same forlonge beside the lond' of Robert Bagod' of the south parte; and j. rode lieth in the same * forlonge bitwene the lond' of Nicholas Broun and the lond' of Iohn Porter; And j. rode lieth at the horestoñ, bitwene the lond' of Symond' the sone of the Reve of the north parte; and j. half acre lieth in moreforlonge, bitwene the lond' of the vicary and the lond' of wa[l]ter moreth; and j. rode lieth in Vilech, of the which one ende strecchith hit-self in Odefurlonge and one other

* leaf 72, back.

into peselond; And half j. acre lieth beside the mede, bitwene the londe of Iohn fitz Amyse And the lond of Wa[l]t*er* yonge; and half j. acre lieth in longedenysforlonge, bitwene the lond of
4 Iohn yonge and the londe of the vicary; and j. acre strecchith hit-self into holy-wey-brech, bitwene the lond of wa[l]t*er* yonge and the lond of Roger Bonetoñ; and half j. acre lieth in Esneforlonge, bitwene the londe of wa[l]ter yonge and the lond of
8 Iohn yonge; and j. butte of Bonetoñ lieth bitwene the londe of wa[l]t*er* yonge and the lond of Iohn Smewyne, and hit strecchith hit-self vpon the londe of Philipp*e* Pady; and j. half acre lieth in moreforlonge, bitwene the lond of Thomas, Vicary
12 of karsyntoñ, and the lond of william Duzep*er*; and half j. acre lieth in the feld of halywey, bitwene the lond of the forsaid Vicary and the lond of the forsaid William; and half j. acre lieth in the feld of the blynde put, bitwene the lond of Symond
16 Reve and the lond of Roger Bonetoñ; and half j. acre lieth in langedaleforlonge, bitwene the londe of Nicholas Brouñ and the londe of Roger Bonetoñ; and half j. acre lieth in a place that is I-called farnehulle beside the grenediche, beside the
20 londe of the vicary:

[The butt or head-land is here half-an-acre.]

and ij. acres of mede, that is to sey, one in langedale as the lotte wille yeve, and another in Roweneye as the lotte wille yeve: to be had and to be hold, to the same Harry and to his
24 heires and to his assignes to the which he will yeve selle bequeth or assigne them by right of heritage or ony parte of them and whan he wille, other in helth or in sikenesse, of hym and of his heires, frely and quyetly pesibly and holy for eu*er*,
28 paiyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires ij. d. at Ester for all seruyce, quareles or playntis, customes, exaccions, demaundes, and sutis of shires, hundredis, and all other courtes, and for all other thynges towchyng the said londes. And the said Richard
32 and his heires warantized and aquyted hym of the kynges seruyce of all the forsaid lond w*ith* the forsaid mede to henry and to his heires, after the fo*ur*me afore I-writte, ayenst all men and women, by the forsaid seruyce of ij. d. for ever,
36 & *cetera*. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid henry yaf to hym Vij. li. xix. s*hillings* into warison. And [that] all thise writyngis afore shold be sure, he put to his seale, & *cetera*.

and of two acres meadow determined by lot.

Quit-rent, 2*d*.

Purchase-money, £7 19*s*.

About 1245.

[379.] A quyte-clayme of Denyse of karsyntoñ, somtyme the wyf of Richard Blunde of karsyntoñ, I-made to sire Petir of Esrugge of the forsaid Viij. acres of arable lond and ij. acres of mede.

* leaf 73. Sale to Peter of Ashridge, by Denise, widow of Richard Blunde, of her right in no. 378.

* THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Denyse of karsyntoñ, sometyme the wyf of Richard Blunde of karsyntoñ, graunted, lefte, and quyteclaymed, to sire Petir of Esrugge and to his heires or to his assignes, of her and her heires or her assignes, all her right that she had or myght haue, bothe by her dowry and by-cause of her mariage, of viij. acres of arable lond and ij. acres of mede in the towne of karsyntoñ, frely and quyetly, as hit is conteyned in the char*ter* that the said Henry Blunde made to Henry Lesseburue of the forsaid viij. acres of arable lond, So that nother [s]he, nother her heires, ne none other for her aft*er* that tyme, shold haue power to axe ony right in the said lond and mede: and for this graunte and quyte-clayme the forsaid Petir of Esrugge yaf to her x. s*hillings* of sterlingis. And that all these thyngis shold be sure and stedfast, she put to this writyng her seale, & *cetera.*

Purchase-money, 10*s.*

* leaf 72. About 1240.

[380.] * A Charter of William of Seynt Ewyn confermyng to Petir of Esserugge all his lond of karsyntoñ with all the p*er*tynentis bothe in the towne and with-oute.

Sale to Peter of Ashridge, by William of Saint Ewyn of his lands.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that William of seynt Ewenne yaf, & *cetera,* to Petir of Esserugge, for his homage and seruyce, all his lond of karsyntoñ, w*ith* all the p*er*tynentis, both w*ith*-in the towne and w*ith*-out, to be had and to be hold, to the seid Petir and to his heires and to his assignes to which that eu*er* he wolde [give it], of hym and his heires for euer, frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires at Ester [i. d*enarius* [1]] for all seruyce, exaccioñ, and demaunde, and sute of courte, savyng to the chief lord dewe and woned seruyce, save the kyng*es* seruyce al so moche as longith to so moche lond in that towne. And the forsaid william and his heires shold warantiȝe aquyte and defende all the forsaid lond

Quit-rent, 1*d.*

[1] Added from the Latin (Exchequer MS.).

with the *per*tynentis to the forseid' Petir and to his heires and his assignes to which that euer he wold'. And for this yifte graunte warantizyng & *cetera*, the forsaid' Pet*er* yaf to hym thre 4 score marke[1] of siluer. And that all thise afore-written, & *cetera*, he put to this charter his seale, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £40.

[381.] * A-nother quyte-clayme of Iulian, the doughtir of William of Seynt Eweyne, I-made to Petir Esserugge, is even like worde by worde to the quyte-clayme to[2] Denyse of karsynton next above[3] I-writte.

*** leaf 73. About 1240.**

Quit-claim by Juliana Saint Ewyn, of all right in above.

[382.] * A Charter of William Fitz Petir of j. half acre of mede I-sold' to Petir of Esserugge in roweneye.

*** leaf 72. About 1245.**

THE sentence of this Chart*er* is, that William Fitz Petir of karsynton yaf, & *cetera*, to Petir of Esserugge, half j. acre of 8 mede in Roweneye, the which lieth next the mede of the same Peter in the towne of karsynton, *with* iij. scrophis of the seid' half acre liyng to them, *with* all ther *per*tynentis ouer all, to be had' and to be hold', to the said' Petir and to his heires or his 12 assignes what-so-eu*er* they were, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for eu*er*, yeldyng therof to him yerely and to his heires j. ob*olus* at Ester for all seculer seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the forsaid' William and his heires warantized aquyted' and, 16 by the forseid' *ser*uyce, defended' the forsaid' half acre of mede *with* all his *per*tynentis to the forseid' Petir, and to his heires or to his assignes all maner, ayenst all men and women, & *cetera*. And that this his yifte shold' be sure, & *cetera*.

Grant to Peter of Ashridge, by William son of Peter of Karsynton, of ½ acre meadow, and 3 ditches.

Quit-rent, ½*d*.

[383.] * A-nother quyte-clayme of Nicholas of Somerford' of the couenaunt that was bitwene Rob*er*t Bagot and hym.

*** leaf 73. About 1245.**

20 THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Nicholas of Somerford' lete and quyte-claymed' all the covenaunt that was bitwene Rob*er*t Bagot and hym, both of the lond' of the said' Rob*er*t and also of the mylle in the towne of karsynton, *with* all *per*tynentis,

Quit-claim to Peter of Ashridge, by Nicholas of Somerford, of

[1] In the Latin copy, 'sexaginta marcas.' [2] Read 'by.' [3] Now no. 379.

land and a mill which he had agreed to buy from Robert Bagot.

to Petir of Esrugge and to his heires or his assignes, So that nother he nother his heires ne none by hym or for hym sholde have power to axe ony right in the said' Lond' and mylle, *with* the *pertynentes*. And yf hit sold' so happe that ony man, by the occasion of the covenant I-made bitwene them, claymed' ony thynge toward' the said' Petir his heires or his assignes, the said' Nicholas of Somerford' and his heires bynde hem-self to warantiȝe and to defende to the said' Petir of Esrugge and to his heires or his assignes the said' quyte-clayme ayenst all' men and women. In-to witnesse of the which, Nicholas of Som*er*ford' strengthed' this p*re*sent writyng' w*ith* the pryntyng' of his seale, & *cetera*.

About 1245.

[384.] * A Charter of William Bagot filȝ Rob*ert* Bagot, I-made to Pet*er* of Esrugge, of v. yerdes of lond' in karsynton, and a wat*er* mille, and iiij. acres [1], w*ith* vij. s*hillings* of yerely rent, with all' there p*er*tynentis.

Sale to Peter of Ashridge, by William, son of Robert Bagot, of 5 yardlands, a water-mill, and a rent-charge, in Cassington; * leaf 73, back. and of 4 yardlands in Thrup.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that William Bagot filȝ Rob*ert* Bagot yaf, graunted', & *cetera*, to Petir of Esrugge, for his homage and seruyce, to hym and to his heires or his assignes, v. yerdes of lond' in the towne of karsynton, and a water mylle in the same towne, w*ith* all' p*er*tynentis towchyng' the seid' lond' and the seid' mylle, and vij. shillyng' worthe of rent, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, the which Nicholas of Somerford' was I-woned' * yerely to yeld' hym, And iiij. yerdes of lond' of bondholde or vilenage, w*ith* all' there p*er*tynentis, in the towne of Thorp*e*, w*ith* the bonde-men and catell' and their goyng*es*-out or availes, to be had' and to be holde, to the said' Petir of Esrugge and to his heires or his assignes, frely and quyetly pesibly worship-fully holy charitably for ever, that is to say, in medis fedyngis placis weyes pathes watirs and in all' other libertees longyng' to the forsaid' tenauntry, yeldyng' þ*er*of yerely to hym and to his heires, or to his assignes, j. paire of gloves or j. d'. w*ith*yn the vtas of Estir, for all' seculer seruyce and demaunde and sute of Courte and helpe that myght be axed' of the lond', Also to s*er* Richard' Verney, chief lord', and to his heires or his assignes, xxv. s*hillings* at two t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at the

Quit-rents, gloves to the mesne lord,

25s. to the chief lord,

[1] Seem to be 'yards' in the body of the deed.

fest of oure lady in marche xij. *shillings* vj. d̃, and at Mighelmas xij. *shillings* vj. d̃., savyng̃ the kyngis seruyce, that is to sey, whan that he axeth̃ generall̃ scuage of Englond̃. And the said̃ Petir may yeve selle and bequethe all̃ the said̃ tenauntrye, *with* his *per*tynentis, whe̅r-so-ever and to whom-so-ever he willeth̃, for hym his heires or his assignes. Also the said̃ William Bagot his heires or his assignes warantized̃ and defended̃ all̃ the seid̃ tenauntry *with* his *per*tynentis, as hit is afore-said̃, to the said̃ Petir of Esrugge and his heires or to his assignes ayenst all̃ men and women for ever. And for this yifte graunte & *cetera*, the forsaid̃ Petir of Esrugge yaf to hym lxx. marke of sterlynges and j. palfray of the price of v. mark̃, afore handes: and that his yifte & *cetera* shold̃ be sure for eu*er*, he put herto his seale & *cetera*.

and scutage.

Purchase-money, £46 13*s.* 4*d.* and £3 6*s.* 8*d.*

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, the copyhold land in 'Thropp,' i.e. Thrup, was still paying (*Monast.* iv. 372) to Godstow yearly £2 13*s.* 4*d.*]

[385.] *A Chart*er* of Richard̃ Erle of Cornewaile[1] graunted̃ to Pet*er* of Esrugge * to yeve to a religious hous all̃ his lond̃ that he bought of William Bagot in the towne of karsyntoñ and Thorp, except the mylle of karsyntoñ.

* leaf 73, back. * leaf 74. About 1245.

The sentence of this Chart*er* is, that Richard̃, Erle of Cornewaile, graunted̃ that his welbeloved̃ and trew Petir of Esrugge myght yeve to a hous of religeon, or els-where after his owne wille, all̃ the lond̃ that he bought of William Bagot in the towne of karsyntoñ and Throp, out-take the mylles of karsyntoñ the which̃ the said̃ Petir sold̃ to hym. In-to witnesse of the which̃ he made his seale to be put to this p*re*sent writyng̃. The date at Bekele, the xvij. day of Nouember.

Licence to Peter of Ashridge, by Richard, earl of Cornwall, overlord, to dispose of the lands held of his fee. [Thrup.] [Beckley.]

[386.] A quyte-clayme of Petir of Esrugge, I-made to the Abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng̃ god, for the seruyces of henry Thedulf̃, William Richon, and Iohn Brace.

About 1250.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Petir of Esrugge, for the helth̃ of his sowle and of his auncet*ours*, relesed̃ and

Grant to Godstow,

[1] Richard Plantagenet, confirmed as earl of Cornwall, 1231; elected 'king of the Romans,' 1256; died, 1272.

by Peter of Ashridge, of feudal superiority over three tenants and their holdings.

quyte-claymed', for hym and his heires, to the Abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god, the seruyces of henry Thedulf, william Richon, and of Iohn Brace, there I-woned' and ofted' to do to hym for the tenauntryes that they helden of hym in karsynton, so that he, nother his heires, shold' never make clayme in the tenauntryes or seruyces. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*.

[7. Quit-claims by the Blunde family.]

* leaf 73, back. 1279, April 14.

[387.] * A Chartour relesyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all the right and clayme that Denyse of karsynton somtyme the wyf of Richard' Blounde of karsynton had' in karsynton of all the arable lond' and mede liyng therto.

Sale to Godstow, by Denyse, widow of Richard Blunde,

THE sentence of this relese is, that Denyse of karsynton, somtyme the wyf of Richard' Blunde of karsynton, beyng in her lawfull wedowhode, relesed', and vttirly quyte-claymed', to the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, all her right that she had' or might have, by the cause of her dowery or mariage, of all the arable lond' and mede liyng therto in the towne of karsynton, frely and quyetly for ever, the which the saide Richard' Blunde her husbond' ever held' in the same towne, So that Denyse somtyme the wyf of the said' Richard' Blunde, ne none in her name after-warde, by her said' mariage or dowrye, myght neuer axe ony right or clayme. For this graunte relese and quyte-clayme, the seid' abbesse and couent yaf to her iij. *shillings* of siluer in warysoн & j. quarter of whete. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the Friday next aftir the vtas of Estir, the seventhe yere of the reigne of kyng Edward' the sone of kyng Henry.

of all claim in Richard's lands.

[Payment in money and in kind.]

* leaf 74. 1306, Oct. 30.

388.] * A Charter of Iohn Blunte, I-made to the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, of all the londes that he had' in karsynton.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by John Blunde,

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Iohn Blunte, the son and heire of Richard' Blunte of karsynton, relesed' and vttirly quyte-claymed' for ever, for hym and for his heires, to the

Abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god, all the right and clayme that he had or myght have by right heritage in all the arable lond and mede that he had in the towne of karsynton and feldes and medes, of the yiftis of dyuerse men, as hit is I-shewed openly by dyuerse chartirs the which they had of my fadir Richard Blunte and denyse my modir, the whiche I saw and loked, So that nother he nother his heires ne none in her name shold not haue power to chalenge ne to axe right or clayme in the forsaid londes ne medes in no wyse. And for this relese, quyte-clayme, and good mean of pease, the said Abbesse and mynchons yaf to hym half a marke of siluer afore-hand. And the said Iohn and his heires warantiȝed aquyted and defended for ever the said londes and mede, as it is I-seid afore, ayenst all men, by the service conteyned in theire Charters. In-to the witnesse & *cetera*. The date at wodestok, the sonday next after the fest of the appostels Symond and Iude, in the xxxiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde.

of all claim in his father Richard's lands.

Purchase-money, 6*s*. 8*d*.

[Simon & Jude=Oct. 28.]

[8. Lands acquired from Nicholas son of Peter of Wilcote.]

[389.] * A Charter of Nicholas of karsynton the sone of fitz Petir of wyuelcote confermyng to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ij. half acres of arable Londe in karsynton felde.

* leaf 68. About 1275.

* The sentence of this charter is, that Nicholas of karsynton, the son of fitz Petir of wyuelcote, yaf, graunted, and *with* his charter confermed, to god and to the chirche of oure lady and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons there seruyng god and for ever to serve, ij. half acres of arable lond in the felde of karsynton: of the which j. half acre lieth in polforlonge bitwene the londe of Nicholas fitz Richard of Boteleye of the one parte and the lond of Adam Croprithi of the other parte, and strecchith hit-self fro the forow of william fitz Petir of karsynton vnto Batemore, and j. other half acre lieth in halradesclade bitwene the lond of Iohn Braz and the lond of Nicholas fitz Petir of wyuelcote, and strecchith hit-self vpon the forow of Thomas fitz hawyse: to be

* leaf 68, back. Sale to Godstow, by Nicholas son of Peter of Wilcote, of two half-acres.

hold' and to be had', into pure and perpetuel almesse, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for euer, to the said' holy mynchons and to ther successours, of hym and of his heires or his assignes: and the seid' Nicholas and his heires or her[1] assignes shold' quyte and defende the forsaid' ij. half acres to the forsaid' holy mynchons and to ther successours ayenst all men and women for ever. And that this his yift graunte and confirmacion, & *cetera*.

About 1275.

[390.] A Charter of Nicholas Fitz Petir of Wyuelcote confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe ij. acris of arable lond' in karsynton.

Sale to Godstow, by Nicholas son of Peter of Wilcote, of two acres.

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Nicholas of karsynton, the sone of petir of wyuelcote, yaf, graunted', & *cetera*, to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for euer, into pure and perpetuel almesse, for hym and for his heires and for the soules of his auncetours, ij. acres of arable lond' in the felde of karsynton, of the which one lieth in puthlesden bitwene the lond' of Roger Turbern of the one parte and half j. acre that he had' of the other parte, and another acre lieth in Berland' bitwene the lond' that is I-called' the hyde and the lond' of the said' mynchons, to be hold' and to be had', to the said' mynchons and to ther successoures, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease. And the said' Nicholas and his heires warantized' aquyted' and defended' the forsaid' ij. acres with all her pertynentis to the forsaid' mynchons and to ther successoures ayenst all men and women for ever. And that this yifte, & *cetera*.

* leaf LIII or 62, back. About 1275.

[391.] * A confirmacion of William fitz Petir of karsynton of ij. acres of lond' of the yifte of Nicholas fitz Petir of Wyuylcote.

Confirmation to Godstow, by William son of Peter of Karsynton, as overlord, of the grant of no. 390 by Nicholas son of Peter of Wilcote.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that william fitz Petir of karsynton graunted', and with this present writyng confermed', to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god, the yifte and the graunte that Nicholas of karsynton the sone of Petir of wyuelcote yaf and graunted' to the same mynchons, that is to sey, of two acres of lond' with the pertynentis in the feld' of karsynton, the which the said' Nicholas held' of hym, to be hold' and to

[1] Read 'his.'

be had, for hym and for his heires or his assignes, to the said mynchons and to theire successours, as the charter of the said Nicholas therof I-made to the said mynchons fully and best witnesseth, frely wele and pesibly and holy for ever, So that nother he or his heires or his assignes, for cause of þe seid ij. acres, shold not axe of the said mynchons nothyng in homagis and eschetis wardis relefes or sutis of Courte that myght falle therof. And þat his graunte and confirmacion shold be sure and stable, he strengthed this writyng with the puttyng to of his seale. These beyng witnesse & *cetera.*

[392.] * A relese and quyte-clayme of Anneys the leste wyf of Nicholas the sone of Petir of Wyuelcote I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe of all the right and clayme that she had or myght haue by the skylle of her dowry of alle the arable londe and mede lying therto in the feldes of karsynton. * leaf 68, back. 1279, Apr. 14.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Agnes, widow of Nicholas son of Peter of Wilcote, of all title in no. 389 and no. 390.

THE sentence of this relese is, that Anneys the wyf somtyme of [Nicholas] fitz petir of wyuelcote, beyng in her lawfull wedowhode, relesed, and vttirly quyte-claymed, to the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, all her right and clayme that she had or myght have, by her dowry, of all the arable lond and mede beyng therto in the feldes of karsynton, the which the saide Nicholas her husbond sold and enchartered to the forsaid mynchons, so that the said Anneys, wedowe of the forsaid Nicholas, ne none in her name afterward, shold mow to axe neuer in the said londes and medys ony right or clayme. In-to witnesse of this, she put to her seale. The date at Godestowe, * the next friday after the vtas of Ester, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kynge henry. * leaf 69.

[9. Lands acquired from Jordan miller.]

[393.] A Charter of Amye the wedowe of william Edmond of Somerforde I-made to Iordan Miller of iij. half acres of lond in karsynton yeldyng therof to the chief lord j. d. at Cristmasse. About 1280.

Sale to Jordan miller, by

THE sentence of this charter is, that Amye the wedow of william Edmond of Somerford, beyng in her fre wedowhode and

Amy Edmond of Somerford, for £1, of three half-acres.

in her owne lawfull power, yaf, graunted, and *with* hir char*ter* confermed, to Iordan Miller of Somerford, for his seruyce, and for xx. *shillings* the which he yaf to hir afore hondis into wari-son, iij. half acres of his[1] arable lond in the feldes of karsynton, of the which, j. half acre lieth in polforlonge bitwene the lond of William of Bampton and Petir of Esruge, And another half acre lieth vpon Mochelforlonde bitwene the londes of Iohn braz and Symond Douetoñ[2], and the iij. half acre[3] lieth vpon rede hegge bitwene the londes of Roger Bunnelye and Symond Boneton, to be holde and to be had of hym[1] and of his[1] heires or his[1] assignes what-so-ever they be, frely quyetly wele and in pease for-eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to hym[1] and to his[1] heires or to his[1] assignes j. d. at Cristemasse, for all seculer seruyce, sutis of courtis, quarels or playntis, and demaundes, savyng the kynges seruyce longyng to so moche londe of the same fee in the same towne. And the said Amye and her heires or her assignes shold warantize aquyte and defende for ever the forsaid iij. half acris, w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Iordan and his heires or his assignes, what-so-ever they shold be, ayenst all peple, by the forsayd s*er*uyce. And that & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, 1*d*.

with scutage.

About 1280.

[394.] A Charter of a rode of londe in litell lynton of karsynton the whiche was of Amye Somerford yeldyng therof yerely j. obolus to the Chirche of karsynton to the light of oure lady.

Sale to Jordan miller, by Amy Edmond of Somerford, of a rood,

THE sentence of this char*ter* is that Amye the wyf somtyme of William Edmond of Somerford, in her lawfull wedowhode, yaf, graunted, and w*ith* her char*ter* co*n*fermed, to Iordan Miller of Somerford a rode of arable lond in the feld that is I-called litell lynton vndir the towne of karsynton, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe of the Est p*ar*te and the lond of Nicholas Richun of the west p*ar*te, and strecchith hit-self vnto the gardyn of the forseid Abbes, to be holde and to be had, of hym[1] and of his[1] heires or his[1] assignes, to hym his heires or his assignes or who-so-euer or whom-so-ever he wille yeve, bequeth, ley to plegge, hole or sike, or assigne hit, frely quyetly fully and pesibly, yeldyng therof yerely at the fest of the appostels Petir

subject to

[1] i.e. her. [2] 'Boneton' in no. 395. [3] i.e. the third half-acre.

and Paule j. ob*olus* to the light of our lady of karsyntoñ, for all seculer, seruice, exaccion, and demaunde; and the forsaid Amye and her heires or her assignes warantized and defended for ever the forsaid Rode of lond, *with* all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Iordan and to his heires or his assignes, as hit is I-said before, ayenst al men and women. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid Iordan yaf to her iiij. *shillings* into warison. And that his yifte, graunte, & *cetera*.

½*d.* on June 29, to a light in Cassington lady-chapel.

Purchase-money, 4*s.*

[395.] A Charter of Iordan the said myller of karsyntoñ of iij. half acres and a rode of arable lond in the feldes of karsyntoñ I-graunted and confermed to the mynchons of Godestowe.

About 1280.

THE sentence of this Char*ter* is that Iordan, the said myller of karsyntoñ, *yaf, graunted, & *cetera*, to the mynchons of Godestowe there *ser*uyng god and to *ser*ue for ever, iij. half acres and a rode of arable lond in the feldes of karsyntoñ:

Grant to Godstow, * leaf 69, back. by Jordan miller, of no. 393

of the which, j. half acre lieth in polforlonge, bitwene the londis of william Bamptoñ and the lond of the said mynchons of Godestowe; and j. other half acre lieth vppoñ mochelforlonge, bitwene the lond of Iohn Braz and Symond Bonetoñ; and the thirde half acre lieth vpon rede hegge, bitwene the londes of Roger Bunche and Symond Bonetoñ; and j. rode lieth in the felde that is I-called litell lyntoñ vndir the towne of karsyntoñ, bitwene the lond of the said mynchons of the Est p*ar*te and the lond of Nicholas Richoñ, and strecchith hit-self vnto the gardyñ of the forsaid mynchons;

and no. 394

to be had and to be hold, to the seid mynchons and to ther successours, of the said Iordan the said myller and his heires, frely quyetly wele and in pease for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to the said Iordañ and to his heires j. ob*olus* at Mighelmasse for all seculer *ser*uice and demaund and sutis of Courtis, savyng the kyngis seruyce longyng to so moche lond of the same fee in the same towne. And the forsaid Iordan and his heires warantized acquyted and defended for euer the forsaid iii. half acres of lond also w*ith* the rode afore-named, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours ayenst all men and women, by the forsaid service. And that this his yifte & *cetera*, he put to this writyng his seale, & *cetera*.

subject to ½*d.* quit-rent,

and scu-tage.

* leaf 70. About 1280.

[396.] * A confirmacion of Amye of Somerford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe of all her arable lond in karsynton.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Amy Edmond of Somerford, as feudal superior, of Jordan miller's gift, no. 395.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Amye of Somerford the doughter of Petir of wyuelcote, in her fre power and wedowhode, graunted, and with her charter confermed, to god and to the chirche of oure lady and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god and for ever to serue, all her arable lond in the feld of karsynton, the which wa[l]ter Iordan somtyme held of her in the same feld, that is to sey, j. half acre in the morelond, bitwene the lond of Petir Esrugge and the lond of Robert Punchard; and half an acre in the haldefeld, bitwene the lond of Petir Esrugge of the one parte; and half j. acre in the hanginlond, beside the lond of Petir Esrugge; and j. half acre upon Surrelond, beside the lond of Raynold Suthern of the northe parte and hit strecchith hit-self into the kynges hye-wey; And also j. gore of lond, that lieth of the south parte of Blendewelle, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and Roger Thurbern, and strecchith hit-self vnto the pasture: so, that is to sey, that the forsaid mynchons and her successours shold hold and haue the fore-named lond, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, for her and her heires or her assignes for ever, so that nother she nother her heires or assignes shold neuer no thyng clayme of all the forsaid lond of the forsaid mynchons or of ther successours. In-to witnesse wherof, & *cetera*.

* leaf 69, back. 1286, Oct. 2.

[397.] * A quyte-clayme of Anneys that was the wyf of Iordan myller of karsynton for iij. half acres of londe and a Rode.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Agnes, widow of Jordan miller,

of all title in no. 395.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that [Anneys that] was the wyf of Iordan myller of karsynton, in her lawfull wedowhode, relesed, and vttirly quyte-claymed, to the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe for euer, all her right and clayme that she had or myght haue, by the name of her dowry or mariage, of the forsaid iij. half acres and j. rode of arable lond in the feld of karsynton, the whiche the forsaid mynchons had of the

yifte and sellyng of the said Iordan somtyme her husbond, So that the said Anneys ne none in her name shold neuer axe ony right or clayme of the forsaid iij. half acres and 4 the forsaid Rode. And for this relese and quyte-clayme, the forsaid mynchons yaf to her half marke of siluer afore handis. In-to witnesse of the same she put to her seale, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the wednesday next after Mighelmasse, 8 the xiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry.

Purchase-money, 6*s.* 8*d.*

[10. Land acquired from Amy Edmond of Somerford.]

[398.] A Char*ter* of Amye of Somerford the Relicte of William Edmond confermyng ij. acres in the feld of karsynton to *þ*e mynchons of Godestowe. About 1280.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Amye the wyf somtyme of william Edmond of Somerford yaf, & *cetera*, for the 12 helthe of her soule and of her auncetou*rs*, into pure and p*er*petuel almesse, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god and to serve for eu*er*, ij. acres of arable lond in the feld of karsynton:

Grant to Godstow, by Amy Edmond of Somerford, of 3 half-acres and 2 roods.

16 of the whiche, j. half acre lieth in Sarnildeshoke, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse and the lond of wa[l]t*er* Braȝ; and j. half acre, in the tilthe aboue framcorde, bitwene the lond *of Richard Newman and the lond that was of Rob*er*t longe; And a Rode 20 lieth at kyngeweyesende; and j. rode lieth in the tilthe that is I-called putlesdenesforlonge; and j. half acre lieth in the tilthe that is I-called Banlond of the South p*ar*tie bitwene the abbesse lond and the lon of Nicholas fitȝ Petir:

* leaf 70.

24 to be had and to be holde, to the said mynchons and to ther successours for ever, frely and quyetly, holy, wele and in pease. And the said Amye and her heires warantiȝed aquyted and defended for eu*er* the said ij. acres of arable lond, as they ben 28 afore diuided, to the said mynchons and to ther successours ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iuwys. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*.

[Warranty against Jews.

[11. Lands acquired from Maud of Wilcote.]

* leaf 67. About 1270.

[399.] * A Charter of Petir Wyuelcote confermyng to Robert his sone, for his homage and seruice, v. acres and a yerde of arable lond in his ground of karsynton.

Grant to Robert son of Peter, by his father, Peter of Wilcote, of 5 acres 1 rood arable;

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Petir Wyuelcote yaf and graunted, and with this present charter confermed, to Robert his sone, for his homage and seruice, v. acris and a yerd of his arable lond in the territory or ground of karsynton, 4 of the whiche, j. half acre lieth in Aldradeslade, bitwene the lond of Iohn of wotton; and j. [half] acre lieth in francherdeie, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Robert Punchard; and half j. acre strecchith hit-self to the 8 water of Bradeford, bitwene the lond of Raynold Sutherne and the lond of Moolde yong; and half j. acre in hangyndelond, bitwene the lond of the said Abbesse and the londe of Theodulphe; and half j. acre at Balnehamhoke, bitwene the lond of the abbesse 12 and the lond of Iohn wotton; and half j. acre in oldefeld, at the yate of Burnle, bitwene the lond of Raynold Sutherne and the lond of luce, wedowe of Geffrey Barz; and half an acre in northlonglond, bitwene the Abbesse lond and the lond of 16 Sibille, wedowe of Richard leche; and half j. acre in putlesden, bitwene the lond of Richard Newman and the lond of Raynold Suthern; and half j. acre in longewowe, bitwene the lond of Richard Newman and the lond of Thomas lutlemore; and half 20 j. acre in porforlonge, bitwene the lond of the abbesse aforsaid and the lond of william Bonetoń; and a yerde in lynton, bitwene the lond of the hide and the lond of moold yonge; and j. yerde in the Ile in morelakefurlonge, bitwene the lond of the 24 hyde and the lond of Richard Newman;

[gate of Burleigh wood.]

and of 2 roods meadow, and 4 ditches.

and ij. yerdes of mede in Farnhull, in two the first sortis toward the South, with iiij. scrophis or diches, to be hold or to be had to the same Robert, and to his heires and assignes, that 28 is to sey, to euerych of them, and to whom-so-ever thei wol yeve, selle, assigne, or bequeth hit, except * to religeous houses, of hym and of his heires, frely and quyetly, pesibly and holy, for ever, yeldyng therof to hym and to his heires xij. d. at iiij. 32

[exceptis religiosis]

* leaf 67, back.

Quit-rent, 1s,

termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse iij. d., at oure lady-day in Marche iij. d., and at Midsomer iij. d., and at Mighelmasse iij. d., for all seruice, custome, and seculer de-
4 maund, savyng foreyn seruice of the kyng longyng to so moche lond. And the forsaid Petir and his heires warantiȝed for euer all the forsaid lond, with the forsaid mede, to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or assignes, after the forme afore I-writte,
8 ayenst all men and women for the forsaid seruyce. And into witnesse of this, & *cetera*.

and scutage.

[400.] A Charter of Robert fitz Petir of Wyuelcote confermyng the yifte of Petir his fadir to Moold his Sustir.

About 1275.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Robert fitz Petir of wyuelcote yaf, graunted, and with this charter confermed, to
12 Moold his sustir, all the lond, with mede and all the pertynentis ouer all, the whiche the forsaid Petir his fadir yaf to hym by his writyng in karsynton, to be hold and to be had, to the same Moolde and to her heires or assignes, also frely and quyetly
16 as he ever most best and most frely held hit and as hit is conteyned in the charter of the said Petir his fadir of the forsaid lond and mede, and for the seruyce it is conteyned in the said charter, the which charter Robert aforesaid delyuered to the
20 same sustir Moolde, togedir with his owne charter. And for this yifte, graunte, & *cetera*, the said moolde yaf to hym xij. *shillings*, of siluer into warison. And that his graunte, & *cetera*, he sette to his seale, & *cetera*.

Sale to Maud of Wilcote, by Robert her brother, of no. 399.

Purchase-money, 12*s*.

[401.] A Charter of Petir of Wyuelcote confermyng to his Sustir [1] Moolde v. acres and j. yerd of arable lond in the towne of karsynton.

About 1275.

24 THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Petir of Wyuelcote graunted, and with this present charter confermed, to Molde his sustir [1], v. acres and a yerde of arable lond in the towne of karsynton, and ij. yerdis and iiij. scrophis of mede in Farnehulle,
28 the which lond, with the mede afore-named, Robert his son yaf to the said Moolde by his charter, to be hold and to be had, to the same Moolde and to her heires, frely and quyetly, pesibly

Confirmation to Maud of Wilcote, by her father Peter, of her brother Robert's grant of no. 399.

[1] Daughter.

and holy for ever, or to whom-so-ever she wold̃ yeve hit, selle, or assigne, except to religio*us* houses, yeldyng̃ therof yerely to hym and to his heires xij. d̃. at iiij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmas iij. d̃., at oure lady day in marche iij. d̃., at Midsomer iij. d̃., and at Mighelmas iij. d̃., for all̃ s*er*uice, custome and seculer demaunde, savyng̃ foreyn̄ s*er*uice of the kyng̃ longyng̃ to so moche lond̃. And that his graunte, & *cetera*.

[exceptis religiosis]

About 1280.

[402.] A quyte-clayme of the lond̃ that was of Rob*er*t Fitz Petir of Wyuelcote I-made by Rob*er*t lof̃ of Wytteney to the mynchons of Godestowe of v. acres and a rode of arable lond̃ in karsynton̄ and ij. rodis and iiij. scrophys of mede in farnehulle, the which londe w*ith* the mede afore-named̃ Rob*er*t his sone yaf to the same Moolde.

Sale to Godstow,

* leaf 68. by Maud of Wilcote and her husband, of no. 399.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is that Rob*er*t lof̃ of wytney, with̃ assent and wille of Moolde his wyf̃ the dought*er* of Petir of *Wyuelcote, yaf, graunted̃, and quyte-claymed̃, to god and to the chirch̃ of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng̃ god and to ther successours, v. acres and a rode of arable lond̃ in the towne of karsynton̄, and ij. Rodis and iiij. scrophis[1] of mede in Farn*e*hulle, the which lond̃, w*ith* the afore-named̃ mede, Rob*er*t fitz Petir of Wyuelcote the brother of the forsaid̃ mold̃ yaf by his char*ter*[2], the which̃, [with the] chart*er* of the forsaid̃ Petir of Wyuelcote the fadir of the seid̃ Rob*er*t, [he] delyuered̃ to the forsaid̃ Mynchons, w*ith* all̃ other mynumentis the which̃ he had̃ or myght have of the forsaid̃ lond̃ and the fore-named̃ mede, in the which̃ eu*er*y p*ar*ticle of all̃ the lond̃ and mede afore-named̃ were specified̃: to be hold̃ and to be had̃, to the forsaid̃ mynchons, into fre pure and p*er*petuel almesse, also frely and quyetly as ever ony lond̃ myght be yeve, So that nother the forsaid̃ Rob*er*t lof̃, nother his wyf aforesaid̃ moolde, nother none heire nother̃ assigne for them, sholde neuer̃ have power to chalenge ony right in the

[1] Latin: 'scrophas prati.'

[2] The Latin is: 'per cartam suam, quam, cum carta predicti Petri de Wyuelcote patris dicti Roberti, predictis monialibus deliberavi,' referring to no. 400 and no. 401. Cp. no. 353.

fore-named' lond' & mede; and for this yifte graunte and quyte-clayme the said' mynchons yaf to hym and to his wyf aforenamed' xxx. *shillings* of sterlyngis into warison̄. And that this his yifte graunte and quyte-clayme of the forsaid' lond' and mede, *with* all' the *per*tynentis, *with*-in the towne and *without*, in medes in fedynges pasturis and in all' other lib*er*tees and customes and in all' other esementis, shold' be sure for ever, he strengthed' this chart*er* *with* the prynte of his seale and *with* the seale of moolde his wyf aforesaide, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £1 10*s*.

[403.] A quyte-clayme of Richard' fit3 William Grene of karsynton̄ relesed' and vttirly quyte-claymed' for hym and his heires of the londe and mede of Robert his vncle.

1281, Oct. 26.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is that Richard' fit3 William Grene of karsynton̄ relesed' and vtterly quyte-claymed', for hym his heires or his assignes, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng' god, all' the right þat he had' or myght haue in ony maner wise in all' his arable lond', and pasture longyng' to the same, in the feldes and medis of karsynton̄, the which lond', mede, and pasture Rob*er*t fit3 Petir of Wyuelcote his vncle eu*er* had' and held' in the same towne of karsynton̄ of the yifte of Petir of Wyuelcote fadir of the seid' Rob*er*t: to be had' and to be hold', *with* all' ther *per*tynentis over all', to the said' abbesse and mynchons, of hym and of his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease, in medis fedynges and pastures for ever, So that nother the said' Richard', nother his heires or his assignes, in all' the forsaid' lond' and mede *with* all' her *per*tynentis shold' no thynge afterward' chalenge or clayme: and for this relese and quyteclayme the forsaid' Abbesse and mynchons yaf to hym xliij. *shillings* iiij. d'. of siluer into warison̄. Into witnesse of the which, he put to this writyng' his seale, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the sonday next afore the fest of the appostels Symond' and Iude, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng' Edward'.

Sale to Godstow, by Richard son of William Grene, of all claim in no. 399.

Purchase-money, £2 3*s*. 4*d*.

[Simon & Jude = Oct. 28.]

[12. Lands and manorial rights acquired from William son of Peter son of Richard son of William of Karsynton.]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 66, back. About 1278. Sale to Godstow, by William son of Peter of Karsynton, of manorial rights over no. 347, as expressed in no. 348. [scutage.] [Payment in money and kind.]

[404. *Charter of William son of Peter of Kersinton of rents, viz. 6*d.* and 1 pair of gloves.

SAID William sold to Godstow the quit-rent of 6*d.* which he used to receive yearly from the lands which Ralph of Wotton held of his fee in Karsyndon, and all rights over the lands and tenements to which this quit-rent gave him title, with wards, 4 reliefs, homages, suits of courts, and all freedoms and free customs, Godstow paying him 1*d.* at Easter for all service, except the service of the king when scutage runs. For this grant Godstow gave him 10 shillings of silver and 12 bushels of 8 wheat.

Witnesses include:—Walter of Withull, William of St. Owen, William le megre, Symon le Engleis de Kersinton.]

*leaf LIII or 62. About 1285.

[405.] * A charter of William the sone of Petir of karsyntoñ of iij. yerdes londʼ with mede longyng to the same.

Sale to Godstow, by William son of Peter,

THE sentence of this evidence is, that William the sone of 12 Petir of karsyntoñ yaf graunteʼ and confermeʼ with his charter, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godstowe and to the mynchons there servyng god and to serve for ever, iij. yerdis of londe in the 16 feldʼ of karsyntoñ, [namely that yerde londe], with the mede longyng to hit as lotte yeveth from yere to yere, the whiche Arnoldʼ heldʼ somtyme in the towne of karsyntoñ, with a mese longyng to the same yerdʼ-londʼ and mede; and that yerde-londe 20 that Alewyñ somtyme heldʼ in the feldʼ of karsyntoñ, with the mede longyng to hit; And that yerde-londʼ that Ingue, wydowe, somtyme heldʼ in the feldʼ of karsyntoñ, with the mese, crofte, and mede, longyng to the same yerdʼ-londʼ in the towne of karsyntoñ: 24 to be hadʼ and to be holdʼ, of hym and of his heires, to the saidʼ mynchons and to her successours or assignes, frely and quyetly, worshipfully, holy, wele, and in pease, in weyes fedynges pastures

of 3 yardlands, with their meadow,

and their messuages,

and in all other esementis to the forsaid' iij. yerd'-londes longyng', doyng' all-only for the forsaid' iij. yerd' londis foreyn seruice, that is to sey, scuage as moche as longeth to be do for iij. yerde-
4 londes (after more or lesse) whan that scuage happenyth to rynne in the Reame of Englond', for all seruice exaccion demaund' homage wardes relefis and sutis of Courte, that shold' perteyne to hym, or his heires, or his assignes, of the forsaid'
8 iij. yerde-londys *with* theire *per*tynentis. And the forsaid' william fitz petir of karsynton and his heires or his assignes shold' warantizze and defende for ever the fore-named' lond' *with* all his *per*tynentis * and liberteis to the forsaid' mynchons and
12 to ther successours or assignes ayenst alle men. And for this yifte graunt confirmacion and warantizyng, the forsaid' mynchons yaf to hym in waryson lx. *shillings*. And that all the forsaid' thynges shold' be sure he strengthed' hit with the prynte of
16 his seale. These beyng' witnesse & *cetera*.

subject to a proportional share of scutage.

*leaf LIII or 62, back.

Purchase-money, £3.

[406.] A confirmacion of William Fitz Petir of karsynton of an acre of arabill lond'.

About 1285.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that William Fitz Petir of karsynton yaf, and *with* his char*ter* confermed', to god and to the chirche of oure lady seynt mary and of seynt Iohn
20 Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng' god and to serue for ever, an acre of his arable lond' liyng' in the feld' of karsynton, wherof j. half acre lieth bytwene the grene wey that ledith toward' Burwell and the lond' of the forsaid' mynchons, in
24 a tilthe that is I-called' Inlond', and j. other half acre lieth in the same tilthe, bitwene the lond' of the forsaid' mynchons and the lond' that was somtyme of Richard' of Boteley, and the said' acre strecchith hit-self into the pottwey[1] that ledith to Worton:
28 to be had' and to be hold' (the said' acre of lond', *with* his *per*tynentis), to the said' mynchons and ther successours, of hym his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly wele and pesibly, into pure and *per*petuel almesse. And the said' William fitz Petir and
32 his heires or his assignes shold' warantizze acquyte and defende for eu*er* the forsaid' acre of lond' *with* his *per*tynentis to the forsaid' mynchons and her successours agaynst all peple. And for this yifte graunte and confirmacion the forsaid' mynchons yaf

Sale to Godstow, by William son of Peter,

of two half-acres.

[1] 'Port-wey' in no. 414.

Purchase-money, £1 10s.

to hym xxx. *shillings* of sterlyngis in waryson̄. And that his yifte graunte and confirmacion̄ shold̄ be sure and stable, he put to this writynḡ his seale for strength̄. These [being witness]

[A leaf is missing.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 66, back. About 1285. Sale to Godstow, by William son of Peter, of an acre and a piece of land. [Handborough, Northleigh.]

[407. * Charter of William son of Peter of Karsynton of one acre of land and a piece of land next the green way[1].

SAID William sold to Godstow one acre of land and a small piece, in the field of Karsynton, which lie next the green way between two fields, and which stretch from the demesne-land of William of Montacute[2] upon dedecherle to the land of Simon Ponchard: said acre and piece to be free of all service.

Witnesses:—Philip Pady of Karsyndon; William of St. Owen of Haneberge; Peter of Norleya; John the porter of Eynesham.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 67. About 1285. Sale to Godstow, by William son of Peter, of a road. [Payment in money and kind.]

[408. * Of a road bought from William son of Peter of Karsynton.

SAID William sold to Godstow a place in his close of Karsynton, which contained in breadth 36 feet and in length 209 feet and extended from the highway against the gate of the abbess to the close of the abbess which was once that of Peter of Eshrugge. For this Godstow paid to him 1 marc of silver and ½ a quarter of beans, and to his wife Joan 12*d.*]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 67. About 1285. Grant to Godstow, by William son of

[409. * Charter about the tilth[3] which is called Hay.

WILLIAM son of Peter of Karsyndon granted to Godstow all his arable land and meadow, with pasture belonging to it, which he had on the east of Sum*er*ford, enclosed with a ditch in the field called 'haya'; and confirmed to Godstow the rest of the land and meadow which Godstow held of his fee, so that Godstow

[1] 'iuxta viridem viam.'
[2] 'de Monte acuto.'
[3] 'de cultura qu[a]e vocatur Hay.'

should have that field wholly with its meadow and pasture and other pertinents, as[1] it is ditched round, which extends to the meadow of Wortone. He made this grant for the welfare of himself and his wife and of the souls of his ancestors, and he and his wife and his ancestors are to be beneficiaries in all prayers, suffrages, and other good deeds done by Godstow. And he and his heirs warrantized and acquitted]

Peter, of land, meadow, and pasture; and confirmation of a former grant.

* [2]and defended' all the fore-named' feld' and mede and pastures, *with* all his *per*tynentis, and all other lib*er*tees, in weyes and pathes, medes fedyngis and pastur*es*, and all other eysementis, to the forsaid' mynchons ayenst all men. And that this yifte & c*etera*, he put to his seale, & *cetera*[3].

* Rawl. MS. leaf 63.

[410.] *A confirmacion of William Fitz Petir of karsynton of xvj. acris of lond' and ij. acris of mede and ij. Rodis of mede.

* leaf 63. About 1285.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is that William Fitz Petir yaf & *cetera*, into fre pure and *per*petuel almesse, xvj. acris of his arable lond' in the feldes of karsynton:

Sale to Godstow, by William son of Peter of Karsynton, of 16 acres arable;

that is to sey, v. acris and j. half I-hegged' in, next to the abbesse lond' *im*mediate toward' the Southe; ij. acris and j. half in Rufurlong, the which strecchen to dedeche[r]le; j. acre in Rufurlonge toward' the Est, next to the hyde half; j. acre next to the hyde; j. acre, liyng bitwene j. acre and j. half, next to the ende of the abbesse in Batemore toward' the South; one acre that strecchith hit-self into Portewey; iij. acris and j. half, next to the abbesse lond' toward' the north in Curtoforlonge; and one rode in polfurlonge, bitwene the lond' of Thomas lutlemore and the lond' of Symond' Boneton; and all the forow to the breche of burley, vpon the whiche strecchen the lond' of William Fitz Petir and the londe of the abbesse of Godestowe:

[Burleigh wood.]

and j. li. pep*er* of yerely rent of a yerd'-londe in the towne of karsynton, the which yerde-lond' Nicholas Fitz Petir of Wyuelcote held' of hym in the towne of karsynton, and all his right and clayme that he had' or myght have in the said' Nicholas,

of a quit-rent and manorial rights;

[1] 'circumquaque fossatum.'

[2] The English register resumes after a lost leaf.

[3] Among the witnesses are Sir Roger of Wytham, knight; John de la Sale of Hanebrugge [= Handborough].

that is to sey, in homagis wardis relefis and sutis of Court and the forsaid' rent of pep*er*:

and of 2 acres 2 roods meadow. [meadow by lot.]

and ij. acris of mede in the mede feld' that is I-called' Borneh*am*, next to the abbesse mede and mynchons of Godestowe; and ij. rodis of mede in Ferthehulle, that is to sey, j. rode in the first lotte and another in the last lotte: to be hold' and to be had', frely and quyetly, pesibly, holy, and worshipfully, fro all seculer seruyce, exaccion, demaunde, custome, sute of Courte and kyngis seruyce, for hym his heires or his assignes, to the said' mynchons and to ther successours for ever, al so frely and quyetly as ony almesse myght be yeve. And the said' William fitz Petir of karsyntoñ, his heires, or his assignes, aquyted' and defended' for ever the forsaid' lond', w*ith* the fore-named' mede, and rent of j. li. of pepir and homagis relefis wardis and sutys of Court of the forsaid' Nicholas Fitz Petir of wyuelcote and of his heires, to the forsaid' mynchons and to ther successours ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte graunte & *cetera*, the forsaid' mynchons yaf to hym in waryson iiij. li. vj. *shillings* viij. d. in siluer. And that hit shold' be sure & *cetera*, he put to this chart*er* his seale, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £4 6*s*. 8*d*.

[411.] A Charter of William Fitz Petir of karsyntoñ of an acre of arabill londe.

* leaf 63, back. About 1285. Grant to Godstow, by William son of Peter, of a half-acre.

*The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Will*iam* Fitz Petir of karsyntoñ yaf & *cetera*, to the mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god and to serve for ever, j. half acre of his arable lond' in the felde of karsyntoñ, the which lieth in Rousfurlonge beside the lond' of the said' mynchons of Godestowe of the west p*ar*tie and his lond' of the Est p*ar*tie: to be had' and to be hold', of hym and of his heires or his assignes, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis and lib*er*tees, frely quyetly wele and pesibly and holy for ever, paiyng therfor yerely to hym his heires or to his assignes j. q*uadrans* at Mighelmasse for all seculer seruice, sutis of court, and all maner of exaccion. And the forsaid' William Fitz Petir of karsyntoñ and his heires, & *cetera*, shold' aquyte and w*ith* his owne costis defende all the forsaid' half acre of lond', w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis and lib*er*tees, to the forsaid' mynchons and to ther successours for ever. And that his yifte, & *cetera*, he put to his seale, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, one farthing.

[412.] A Charter of William Fitz Petir of karsyntoñ for ix. acres of lond' arable and j. acre of mede *with* the p*er*tynentis. About 1285.

THE sentence of this Chart*er* is, that William Fitz Petir of karsyntoñ, for the helthe of his soule and of his wyf and of his childe, yaf and graunted' into pure and p*er*petuel almesse, 4 to god and to the chirch of oure lady Seynt mary and of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng' god', ix. acris of his arable lond' w*ith* his p*er*tyne*n*tis in the feld' of karsyntoñ, and j. acre of mede w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, 8 that is to sey, ij. acres next to the acre toward' the South, the which weren' Symon Halehorntis[1]; and j. acre in Rowforlonge, bitwene the lond' of the abbesse and Hidacre, that strecchith into the kyngisweye; and j. acre that strecchith into Bradforde; 12 and ij. acres into Rouforlonge, the whiche strecchith to dedecherle; and j. acre in Rouforlonge that strecchith into dedecherle beside the hyde of Est p*ar*te, one acre liyng' bitwene; and half an acre in shortforlonge, that strecchith into Portewaye, next to 16 the lond' of Richard' Boteleye, half j. acre liyng' bitwene; and iij. half acres liyng' to-gedir in batemore, next to the hide in the north p*ar*te; and j. acre of mede in Boronh*am*:

Sale to Godstow, by William son of Peter, of 9 acres arable and 1 acre of meadow.

to be had' and to be hold', frely and quyetly fro all sute 20 of courte, seculer s*er*uice, and demaund' for ever. And the said' Will*iam* & *cetera* warantized' and aquyted', & *cetera*. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' mynchons yaf to hym c. s*hillings* and xx. d'. to delyuer hym of the Iuys hondys, in whos dettis at 24 that tyme he was I-bounde. And that this yifte, & *cetera*, he put to this chart*er* his seale, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £5 13. 8d. [debt to Jews.]

[413.] * A Chart*er* of William Fitz Petir for a mese and a crofte in karsyntoñ. * leaf LII or 61, back. About 1285.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that william Fitz petir of karsyntoñ yaf', graunted', and confermed' w*ith* this p*re*sent 28 chart*er*, to god and to the chirch of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng' god' and to serve for ever, all his right that he had' or myght have in the mese, w*ith* the crofte liyng' to, that Nicholas Fitz Petir of wyuelcote held' in

Grant to Godstow, by William son of Peter of Karsynton, of his manorial

[1] 'Halehort' also in the Latin: perhaps for 'Balehorn,' no. 334.

rights over lands and tenants in Cassington,

the towne of karsyntoñ, w*ith* homage, warde, Relef, and sute of Court, that myght falle or chaunce of the said Nicholas and his heires and his assignes for ever, And homage of william Edmond of Somerford, and homage of Rob*er*t Fitz Petir of wyuelcote, 4

* leaf LIII or 62.

and warde of Richard Fitz william of Grene w*ith* his * homage whan that he comyth to age, w*ith* the wardis of all the forseid men, relefes, sute of Courtes, and all other eschetis that shold happe of the forsaid men or her heires or her assignes, w*ith* 8

with quit-rents and reversionary rights.

v. s*hilling* worthe of yerely rent, to be paid of the forseid men to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours: to be hold and to be had, all the fore-named thynges, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, frely and quyetly, pesibly and 12 holy, for hym and his heires, w*ith*out ony w*ith*holdyng-agayne, in homages, wardis, relefis, sutis of Courte, and all other eschetis, into p*er*petuel almesse, for his sowle and for the soules of his aunceturs. Also he quyte-claymed j. paire of spores 16 of ij. d, to the forsaid mynchons and to her successours, for hym and for his heires and his assignes, in the which they were I-hold to hym for x. s*hillings* worthe of rent yerely, as hit

[i.e. no. 326.]

is conteyned in the chart*er* of Petir the sone of william the sone 20 of Richard of karsyntoñ, the which the same Petir made to Thomas of Chymily. And the forsaid william and his heires and his assignes shold warantize and defende for ever all the fore-named thynges, as they beñ I-shewed, to the forsaid 24 mynchons and to her successours. And that all the forsaid thynges shold be stedfast and sure for ever, he put to this writyng his seale: These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 63, back. About 1285.

[414.] * A Chart*er* confermyng the lond and mede that the mynchons of Godestowe hath of the yifte of William Fitz Petir of karsyntoñ.

* leaf 64. Quit-claim to Godstow, by William son of Peter of Karsynton, of his manorial rights

THE sentence of this Chart*er* is, that William Fitz Petir 28 of karsyntoñ yaf, & *cetera*, to the holy mynchons there servyng god and to serve for ever, for hym and for his heires, into fre pure and p*er*petuel almesse, all his arable lond and all the mede the whiche they haven of his fee in his felde and mede; w*ith* 32 men freholders, and ther relefis, wardis, homagis, and sutis of court, that is to sey, Nicholas Fitz Petir of Wyuelcote, and

William Fitz Edmond, and Robert Fitz Petir of Wyuelcote, and Richard Fitz William de la Grene, with v. shillyng worth of yerly rent yerely to be paid to the said mynchons of Gode-
4 stowe by the said men and by theire heires or assignes for ever; and v. *shilling* worth of yerly rent by Robert Wottoñ and his heires yerely to be paid to the said mynchons; with all the lond and mede perteynyng to the demayne and chefe mese that Thomas
8 of Chymili yaf to the forsaid mynchons in the towne of karsyntoñ, with all the cowrte[1], and all the bildyngis, with the gardeyne, and seruatory[2], and crofte also that lieth to that courte, with the arable lond in the feld of karsyntoñ longyng to the demayne,
12 of the whiche lond, v. acres (lieñ to-gedir) strecchen into the portwey; And j. half acre, the whiche strecchith into porteweye beside the lond of william Fitz Petir; and vj. acres of lond that strecchen into Batemore, liyng to-gedir in lengthe beside the
16 wey; and iij. acres of lond and an half, liyng to-gedir of the north parte beside the hide and strecchith into Batemore; and vj. acres of lond in Rouforlonge, liyng to-gedir, the which strecchen them-self into the kyngis-wey; and iij. acres of lond
20 in the same forlong, liyng to-gedir (one acre of the hyde liyng bitwene); with x. acres liyng to-gedir in the tilthe the whiche is I-called Hureleye; with all the buttis liyng to-gedir that strecchen into Bradeforde and lieñ bitwene the lond that was of
24 Symond Puncharde of the west parte and the lond of the hyde of the Est parte; with vj. acres of lond and an half in Rowforlonge liyng to-gedir, strecchyng them-self into dedecherle; with iiij. acres also liyng in shortforlonge; with iij. Rodes also of
28 lond strecchyng them-self into the crofte of Thomas Fitz Hawyse; with all the tilthe that is y-called the haye, rounde aboute I-diched, with mede and pasture liyng to, the which strecche into the mede of wortoñ; with iiij. acres of mede longyng
32 to the demayne in the mede felde that is I-called Borengham.

He relesed also, for hym and his heires or his assignes, xij. d. of yerely rent, to the said mynchons and to ther successours for ever, in the whiche they were I-hold or I-bound to hym and his
36 heires or his assignes after the tenowre of the charter of sir Thomas Chymily. Also William Fitz Petir of karsyntoñ yaf

over lands and free tenants, and of quit-rents, and reversionary rights,

[Description of the arable land, more than 45 acres,

and of the meadow.]

and of the quit-rent payable by Thomas Chymely's land (no. 330).

[1] i.e. the yard round which the farm-buildings of the manor were grouped.

[2] Latin: '(cum) servatorio.'

graunted & *cetera* all the fore-named thynges, even as they be departed or devided, into fre pure and perpetuell almesse, frely quyetly pesibly worshipfully holy and wele, without fyne, quyetly fro all seculer exaccion and demaunde relefis wardes homagis and sutis * of Courte that myght falle to hym or to his heires or his assignes in ony wise by the occasion of all thynges aforesaid, in weyes medes fedynges pastures, and all other libertees and eisementis that myght falle to all the fore-named thynges. And for this yifte graunte and confirmacion the forsaid holy mynchons yaf to hym lx. *shillings* in warison. And the forsaid William Fitz Petir of karsynton his heires & *cetera* warantized and defended for ever all that is I-named afore, bothe in londis and in medis and all other thynges afore diuided, to the forsaid holy mynchons and to ther successours ayenst all men and women. And that his yifte, graunte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 64, back.

Purchase-money, £3.

1295, Sept. 22.

[415.] A quyte-clayme of Johaane somtyme the wyf of William Fitz Petir of Karsynton.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Joan widow of William son of Peter of Karsynton, of all title

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is this, that Iohane somtyme the wyf of william Fitz Petir of karsynton, in her lawfull wedowhode and with her owne fre wille, relesed and quyte-clayme to Mabile, Abbesse of Godestowe, and to the mynchons of the same place for ever, all her right and clayme that [s]he had or in onywyse myght have by the name of her dowre, or by [1] the reson or skille of her dowre, in all her londes and tenementis gardynes croftis medis fedyngis weyes pathis wardes releves rentis eschetis sutis of Courtis that at þat tyme were or ever sholde be of the fee of william somtyme her husbonde in the towne of karsynton and in the feldes of the same towne, outtake the londis and medis the which Nicholas [of] Meldene helde in the same towne of the fee of the forsaid William of the which the said Mabill satisfied hym, so that nother the forsaid Iohane ne none other man ne men shold never clayme ne axe in the forsaid londis tenementis gardynes croftes relefis rentis medis fedynges places weyes pathes wardis relefes eschetis sutis of courte ony right or clayme after the makyng of this relese or of her quyte-

in her late husband's lands.

[1] Latin: 'seu ratione dotis mee.' Notice the double rendering (first by a word of Latin origin, next by an English word) of one Latin word, which is so characteristic of this translation.

clayme in whos-ever honde they come. In-to witnesse of the same, she put to this writyng her seale. The date at Godestowe, the thursday next after the fest of Seynt Mathew the appostle [Matthew = Sept. 21]
4 and Euangelist, the xxiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde.

[416.] A Charter of William Fitz Petir of the same.

1302, Sept. 15.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by William son of William son of Peter of Karsynton, of all title in his father's lands.

THE sentence of this relese is this, that William Fitz William Fitz Petir graunted relesed and vtturly quyteclaymed, for hym his heires and his assignes, to Alice Georges, Abbesse of Gode-
8 stowe, and to the Covent of the same place, and to ther successours for ever, all his right and clayme that he ever had or myght have in all londes tenementis rentes houses gardynes medis pastures weyes pathes watirs and in all other thyngis that
12 in ony tyme a-passed were of ony of his auncetours, w*ith*in the towne of karsynton and w*ith*-out, and tho that the forsaid Abbesse and covent of the forsaid place and ther p*re*decessours vnto this tyme have I-hold and yit hold: to be had and to
16 be hold, w*ith*yn the said towne and w*ith*-out, in all places, to the forsaid Abbesse * and Couent of the same place and * leaf 65.
theire successours, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for ever, that is to sey, that the forsaid William Fitz Petir or his heires
20 or his assignes or ony other in his name or in the name of his heires or his assignes no right or clayme myght chalenge or aske ne never sholde chalenge or axe in the forsaid londes tenementis rentis houses gardyns medis pastures weyes pathes
24 watirs in no parte of them, but rather he and his heires were I-bound for ever by this p*re*sent writyng to the warantizyng of all londes and tenementis aforesaid w*ith* their p*er*tynentis aforesaid to the Abbesse and Couent and to ther successours. Into
28 witnesse of this, he put to his seale to this writyng & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford, the xv. day of Septemb*re*, the xxx. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry.

[417.] A Charter of William Fitz Petir of a Relese of dette.

About 1308.

Release to Godstow, by William son of

THE sentence of this relese is this, that William Fitz Petir
32 called into plee Moolde Vpton, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the same place, in a plee of dette in the Courte of

[William son of] Peter, of a claim for £1 10s.

Mighell [of] Meldon, axyng of them xxx. *shillings* by covenant I-made itwene them. At the last, he *with*-drow the forsaid court, by the mean of a frendly accorde bitwene them; and relesed to them and *par*doned all accions reals and *per*sonels[1] of eny maner cause I-begonne and dew to hym fro the begynnyng of the world vnto the makyng of this *pre*sent writyng. And for this relese and *par*don the forsaid Abbesse and Covent yaf hym vj. *shillings* viij. d. before handys. And the forsaid william shold kepe the forsaid Abbesse and Covent harmelesse fro all maner of peple. I-yeve at Godestowe, the Friday next after the fest of the translacion of seynt Thomas the martir.

on payment of 6s. 8d.

[Translation of Thomas Becket = July 7.]

[13. Miscellaneous acquisitions of lands.]

[418. Fragment.]

* leaf 218.

* *ser* Iohn of Coleshull, william of Oen, william Le Mercere[2], Raaf Goldsmyth burgeys of Oxenford, william the sone of Piers of karsynton, Rob*er*t Punchard, Symond Englissh of wyuylycote, and many other.

[Note.—This tail-end of a deed, with its list of witnesses, comes at the top of a leaf before which a leaf has been cut out. In the MS. it immediately precedes no. 360, and so belongs to the duplicate Cassington set, and therefore cannot be attached with certainty to any deed in the Latin copy.]

* leaf 82, back. About 1270.

[419.] * A Char*ter* of Thomas Fraunceys of Somerford fitz Nicholas Fraunceys of the same towne for j. half yerd lond arable liyng in the felde of karsynton.

Sale to Godstow, by Thomas Francis, of half an acre.

The sentence of this char*ter* is that Thomas Fraunceys of Somerford, fitz Nicholas Fraunceys of the same towne, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there se*r*uyng god, j. half acre of arable lond liyng in the feld of karsynton, in corneheyte, in a tilthe that is I-called mere-lake, bitwene the lond of the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe of bothe partie, and hit strecchith hit-self into the lande-mede of Eynysham: To be had and to be hold, w*ith* all his pertynentis, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, of hym and of his heiris, frely and quyetly wele and in pease, into fre and per-

[1] Notice the adjectives taking the plural inflection of the noun.

[2] 'William le megre' (see pp. 264, 294).

petuell almesse, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. rose at the natyuyte of seynt Iohn Baptist, for all seculer seruyce, custome, suyte of courte of ony man, and all maner demaundis. And the said Thomas Fraunceys and his heires warantized and defended for ever the forsaid half acre of lond, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid mynchons and to theire * successours ayenst all peple. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym half a marke of siluer in warison. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, a rose at Midsummer.

* leaf 83.

Purchase-money, 6*s*. 8*d*.

[420.] * A Chart*er* of William Grene of karsynton, of v. acris and j half of arable lond and ij. rodes of mede and of all the right and clayme that he had or in ony maner wise myght haue in the town*e* of karsynton.

* leaf 81. About 1270 ?

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Richard fitz William Grene yaf, & *cetera*, to god and to the chirch of oure lady and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god and to *ser*ve for eu*er*, in-to * fre and *per*petuel almesse, v. acres and j. half of arable lond and ij. Rodes of mede in the feldis and medis of karsynton, and all the right that he had or myght have in ony wise by right heritage in londis and medis in the forsaid town by ony reson or name of his fadir.

Grant to Godstow, by Richard son of William Green,

* leaf 81 back.

Of the which, one [half] acre lieth in morelond, bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe lond and the lond of William Thornbarn; and another half acre lieth in berelond, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and the lond of Symond Theodulf; and half j. acre lieth in Banlond, bytwene the lond of Elice Bras and the lond of William Bampton; and one gore that strecchith hit-self vnto Farnhull, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and the lond that was of William Edmond; and half j. acr*e* strecchith hit-self vnto Borowh*am*, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and the lond of Rob*er*t Punchard; and half j. acre lieth in the old feld, bitwene the lond that was of hugh Bampton and the lond that was of Richard Newman; and half j. acre lieth in shortiscome, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and the lond of helye Bras; and j. yerde lieth at Blundewelle, bitwene the

of 5½ acres arable,

[This gore = 1 rood.]

lond that was of William Edmond and the lond of Richard Newman; and j. yerde strecchith hit-self into the kynges way, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and the lond of the said William Edmond; and half j. acre lieth at the grene downe, bitwene the lond of helie Bras and the lond of William Sowtherne; and half j. acre lieth in the morelond, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and the lond of Roger Bouche; and j. rode lieth in lynton, bitwene the lond of Symond Punchard and the lond of William Suthern; and j. rode lieth in the longe furlonge, bitwene the lond of the said William Edmond and the lond of Robert Punchard; and j. yerde lieth vpon lambcupe, beside the lond of Robert Toldyn:

[yerde = rood.]

And ij. rodis of mede lien in farnhulle, in two the first lottis toward the northe:

and of 2 roods meadow,

to be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires or his assignes, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for euer fro all seculer seruyce, exacion, and demaunde, custome, and sute of court, savyng the kyngis seruyce whan scuage rynnyth. And the forsaid Richard fitz William of Grene of karsynton and his heires or his assignes shold warantize, aquyte, and, with there owne costis, defende for euer, the forsaide londe and mede, with all there pertynentis, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte, graunte, warantizyng, and confermyng, the forsaide mynchons yaf to hym the seruyce vndir his porter[1] for ever at the yate of Godestowe, and j. half mark, in the name of his wagis yerely, to be paid at two termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse iij. *shillings* iiij. d and at oure lady day in marche iij. *shillings* iiij. d. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

subject only to scutage,

[Warranty against Jews.]

in return for corrody as a servant,

and a pension of *6s. 8d.*

About 1270?

[421.] A Charter of Iohn Baker of Godestowe, fitz Symond of karsynton, for j. mese in the towne of karsynton with the crofte liyng therto.

Grant to Godstow, * leaf 82. by John

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Baker of Godestowe, fitz * Symond of karsynton, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god and to serue for

[1] 'his' = their. The Latin is 'Concesserunt mihi predicte moniales servicium subianitoris, meo perpetuo (? iure), ad portam de Godestow.'

euer, j. mese in the towne of karsyntoñ, with the crofte liyng therto, that is I-sette bitwene the mese that was somtyme of William at Grene fitz Petir of wyuelcote and the mese of the
4 said mynchons that Geffrey hulle somtyme held; with vj. acris and j. half, and j. pece of arable lond; also with half j. acre of mede in the same towne, to a pytaunce of the Couent in the day of his anniuersary:

fitz Symond, baker, of a messuage and croft, with 6½ acres and one piece of arable, and ½ acre meadow, to endow an obit.

8 of the which, j. [half] acre lieth in Aldredeslade, bitwene the lond of the said mynchons and the lond of Symond Engleys; and j. half acre lieth vpoñ Surelond, bitwene the lond of the said mynchons and the lond of William Sutheroñ; and j. half acre
12 lieth bitwene the lond of William Bamptoñ and the lond of Anneys fitz Robert of Comenore, and hit strecchith hit-self in Bolenham; and j. [half] acre lieth in putlesdeñ, bitwene the lond of the said mynchons and the lond of William Botele; and
16 j. dimid. acre lieth in the olde mede, bitwene the lond of Robert Punchard and the lond of William Bamptoñ; and j. half acre lieth in fuleslo, bitwene the lond of Symond Bonetoñ and the lond of William Bamptoñ; and j. half acre lieth bitwene the
20 lond of the said mynchons and the lond of helie Bras, and strecchith hit-self in suitemore[1]; and the forsaid pece of lond lieth vpon Francwordy, bitwene the lond of william mounte-acu and the lond of Symond Bonetoñ; and j. half acre lieth at
24 Bolenham, bitwene the lond of the said mynchons and the lond of Iohn Bras; and j. half acre lieth at shortescome, bitwene the lond of Symond Punchard; and j. half acre lieth in the same tilthe, bitwene the lond of the said mynchons and the lond
28 of Bras; and j. half acre lieth in northlond, bitwene the lond of the said mynchons and the lond of Iohn Bras; and j. half acre lieth in northlongelond bitwene the lond of the said mynchons and the lond of William Sotheroñ; and j. half acre lieth at
32 Blyndewellehille, vpon putlesdeñ, bitwene the lond of the said mynchons and the lond of Roger Thornberoñ; and j. rode of mede lieth in the mede of farnhulle in the most westist lotte as lotte yeveth, and j. rode lieth in the same mede in the most
36 northist lotte except one as the lotte yevith:

Description of the arable,

and of the meadow.

To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, in perpetuel almesse,

[1] Indistinct: possibly Sintemore, or Snitemore.

with all there *per*tynentis over all, in medys closes pastures rentis and all othere lib*er*tees, frely quyetly holy wele and pesibly for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to the lordis of the fee service dew and I-woned, as hit is I-conteyned in the chart*ers* 4 the which he had of them, and to hym and to his heires one Rose at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist at Godestowe to be resceived, for all seruyce, sutis of courte, and all seculer demaundis. And the forsaid Iohn and his heires warantiȝed for euer the forsaid 8 mese, *with* the lond and mede aforsaid, *with* all there *per*tynentis aforsaid, to the forsaid mynchons and to theire successours ayenst all peple. And that this yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, a rose at Midsummer.

About 1300.

[422.] A Char*ter* of Walt*er* Jurdemayn of karsynton of his londis *þat* he had in karsynton.

* leaf 82, back. Grant to Godstow, by Walter Jourdemayn, of 4 acres and a piece arable,

* THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Walter Iurdemayn 12 yaf graunted, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there to serve god and to *ser*ue for ever, all his arable lond of karsynton, that is to sey, one half acre that lieth in hangyndelonde, bitwene the lond of the abbesse of 16 Godestowe and the lond of Raynolde Suthern; and half j. acre that lieth in Banlond, bitwene the lond of Thomas fitȝ hawyse and the lond of moold hyde; and half j. acre that lieth in polfurlonge, bitwene the lond of Walt*er* Bras and the lond 20 of William Brampton; and j. rode that lieth in lytell lynton, beside the lond of the forsaid Abbesse; and j. rode that lieth in grete lynton, beside the lond that was of Richard Petit; and j. half acre that lieth vpon Gurrelond, beside the lond of Raynold 24 Suthern of the north p*ar*te, and hit strecchith hit-self into the kyng*es* hye-wey; And also one gore that lieth vpon the sowthe p*ar*te of Blundewell, bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Roger thurbern, and hit strecchith hit-self 28 into the pasture; and j. half acre *þat* lieth in the morelond, bitwene the lond of Petir of Esserugge and the lond of Rob*er*t Punchard; and half j. acre lieth in the olde felde, bitwene the lond of Petir of Esserugge of bothe partie; and half j. acre that 32 lieth in hangynlond, beside the lond of Petir of Esserugge; To be holde and to be had, to the said mynchons and to ther successours or to ther assignes, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease

for ever, al so frely and quyetly as ony almesse may be yeve, yeldyng therof to them of the which he bought the saide lond dewe rent, as the charters of them witnessen. And he and his heires, and they by the whiche he was I-feffed, warantized acquyted and defended for ever the forsaid lond to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours. And that this yifte, & *cetera*.

subject to the old quit-rents to former owners.

[423.] * A quyte-clayme of Symond Theodulph of karsynton of ij. d of yerely rent for Walter Iordeman.

* leaf 83. About 1300.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is that Symond fitz Theodulph, plommer, of karsynton, yaf, graunted, and quyte-claymed, to the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, into pure and perpetuel almesse, ij. d. of yerely rent, the which weren dewe to hym and to his heires for the lond that Walter Iurdemayn held of hym in the towne of karsynton, as his charter witnesseth, So that he and his heires shold neuer axe no thynge of the forsaid ij. d. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Simon Theodulph, of a rent-charge over no. 422.

[424.] A Charter of Symond Theodulph of karsynton of iiij. Rodis of arable londe in Corneheyte.

About 1300.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Symond Theodulph of karsynton yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god and to serve for euer, iiij. rodis of arable lond in the feld of karsynton, that is to sey, in a tylthe that is I-called Corneheyte, of the which j. rode lieth beside the lond that was of Robert Comnore, and hit strecchith hit-self in tetherhel-de-bladene; And j. rode lieth beside the lond of Iordan Aldeswelle, and strecchith hit-self vpon the forow of william mounte-acu vpon lambecote; and j. rode lieth aboue shotislake, and strecchith hit-self vnto the mede of Eynysham; and j. rode lieth beside the lond of William fitz Richard of Boteleye, and strecchith hit-self into Thamyse. And these iiij. rodes weren of the lond that fille to hym by right heritage by the dethe of henry his brother. To be hold and to be had, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, to the said holy mynchons of Godestowe and to there successours, of hym and of his heires and of his assignes, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse for euer, fro all

Sale to Godstow, by Simon Theodulph, of 1 acre.

[Tetherhel of Bladon.]

exaccion̄ and demaunde. And the forsaid̄ Symond̄ and his heires or his assignes warantized̄ and defended̄ for euer the forsaid̄ iiij. rodes, with all̄ theire pertynentis, to the forsaid̄ holy mynchons and to there successours ayenst all̄ men and women cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid̄ holy mynchons yaf̄ to hym before handes j. mark̄ of siluer. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*, he put to this writyng his seale, & *cetera*.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.*

[14. Exchanges with Sir William Montacute [1].]

* leaf 86. 131¾. Febr. 2.

[425.] *A Charter of kyng Edward̄, I-made to sire william mount-acu for the same ij. acris of lond̄.

Licence in mortmain, by Edward II, empowering Sir William Montacute, to exchange 2 acres with Godstow (as in no. 426 and no. 427)

THE sentence of this charter is, that kyng Edward̄, by the grace of god kyng of Inglond̄ lord̄ of Irlond̄ and duke of Guyen̄, of his special grace graunted̄ and yaf licence, for hym and his heires al so moche as was in hym, to his welle be-loued̄ and trew man William Mounte-Acu, that he myght yeve and assygne the ij. acris of lond̄ with the pertynentis in karsynton̄, the which were hold̄ of[2] hym in chief, to his welbeloved̄ in crist Abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there: To be had̄ and to be hold̄, to them and to ther successours, of hym and his heires, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, into an eschaunge for ij. acris of lond̄ with the pertynentis in the same towne, the whiche the same abbesse and Couent of mynchons holden of hym into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, by them to be yeve and graunted̄ to the same william, to be hold̄ of hym and to[2] his heires, by the same seruycis by the which̄ the oper ij. acris aforsaid̄ were hold̄ of hym, for euer. And to the same abbesse and mynchons, that they myght reteyne and hold̄ the forsaid̄ ij. acris of lond̄, with the pertynentis, of the forsaide william, to them and to ther successours, of hym and of his heires, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, into an eschaunge of other ij. acres of lond̄, with the pertynentis, the which̄ the forsaid̄ abbesse and mynchons held̄ of hym into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, by them to be yeve and graunted̄ to the same

and Godstow to accept the exchange.

[1] His widow, Elizabeth Montacute, died about 1349, after founding (Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 170) chantries in St. Frideswyde's Priory, where her tomb is extant (ibid. ii. 173).

[2] Read 'of,' for 'to.'

william to be holdꝑ, to hym and to his heires, of hym and his heires, by the forsaidꝑ seruyce for eu*er*, as hit is I-saidꝑ afore in the tenour*e* of this p*r*esent writyng. Also he, that is to sey, the kyng, yaf licence speciall, the statute not-w*ith*stondyng I-made of londis and tenementis not to be put to morte-mayne, more-over not willyng that the forsaidꝑ william or his heires, or the forsaidꝑ abbesse and mynchons or ther*e* successours, by the resoñ of the thyngis I-put before, be occasionedꝑ, vexedꝑ, or in ony other wise grevedꝑ, by hym, or his heires, Iusticis, eschet*ours*, shreves, or ony other bailifis or mynyst*ours*, Into witnesse of this thyng, he made these his l*ett*res patentis, he hym-self beryng witnesse, At Caunterbury, the secondꝑ day of feu*er*er, the vij. yere of his reigne, By the kyng hym-self.

[426.] * A Charter of william mounte-Acu of ij. acris of londꝑ that he yaf in karsyntoñ to the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe.

* leaf 85, back. 1314, March 30.

Grant to Godstow, by Sir William Montacute, of two acres

THE sentence of this charter is, that william mounte-Acu, by licence of the kyng, yaf, graundꝑ, and by this his p*r*esent chart*er* confermedꝑ, to Moolde Vptoñ, by the suffraunce of god Abbesse of Godestowe, and to the couent of the same place and to ther successours, ij. acris of londꝑ w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis in karsyntoñ, the which lien in the feldꝑ of karsyntoñ, that is to sey, in crowforlonge, bitweñ the londꝑ of Iohn at Milne of the est p*ar*te and the londꝑ of Thomas atte mylne of the west p*ar*te, and strecchith them-self to the kyngis wey the which ledith to the mylle of karsyntoñ, in eschaunge of ij. other acres of londꝑ w*ith* the p*er*tynentis in the same towne, And the which the forsaidꝑ abbesse and couent, by licence of the kyng, by ther chart*er* yaf to hym and to his heires: To be hadꝑ and to be holdꝑ, the forsaidꝑ ij. acris of londꝑ, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, to the forsaidꝑ abbesse and to the couent and to ther successours, of the kyng and his heires, into fre pure and p*er*petuel almesse, frely and quyetly for ever. And the forsaidꝑ william and his heires warantizedꝑ acquytedꝑ and defendedꝑ for eu*er* the forsaidꝑ ij. acris of londꝑ w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis to the forsaidꝑ abbesse and couent and to ther successours ayenst all peple. Into witnesse of the which thyng, bothe p*ar*ties putte to eu*er*ych othirs

in exchange for no. 427.

charter endented there seale, & *cetera*. The date at karsyntoñ, the saturday next aftir the fest of the Annunciacioñ of oure lady, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

1314, March 30.

[427.] A-nother charter endented bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and sire william mounte-Acu of ij. acris of lond I-graunted to ser william mount-Acu.

Grant by Godstow, to Sir William Montacute, of two acres in exchange for no. 426.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Mold Vptoñ, by the suffraunce of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, with one assent, and by licence of the kyng, yaf graunted and by this her charter endented confermed to there wel be-loved in crist sir william mounte-Acu, knyght, ij. acris of lond in karsyntoñ, with the pertynentis, of the which, j. acre lieth vndir the gardyñ of the forsaid sir william and strecchith hit-self vnto the more, And another acre lieth beside the maner of the forsaid sir William of the one parte and the lond of Adam Pod of the other parte, in eschaunge for other two acris with the pertynentis in karsyntoñ, the which the forsaid * sire William yaf and confermed to them and to ther monastery, by licence of the kyng, by his Charter: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid sir william and to his heires, of the kyng and his heires, by the same seruyeis by the which the othere ij. acres ben I-hold for ever of the kyng. And they and theire successours warantized and defended for euer the forsaid ij. acres of lond, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid sir william and to his heires ayenst all peple. In-to witnesse of the whiche thynge, bothe parties sette to theire seales, everich to others charter, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in there full Chapter, the saturday after the fest of the Annunciacioñ of our lady, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the soñ of kyng Edward.

* leaf 86.

[15. Transactions with Sir Michael and Sir William of Meldon.]

* leaf 85. 1314, June 14.

[428.] * A Charter of kyng Edward I-graunted to Mighel Meldoñ, Chivalere.

Licence in mortmain by Edward II, empowering

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Englond lord of Irelond and duke of Guyeñ, for-as-moche as he had I-herd by inquysicioñ that he had I-made by

the wilbeloued and trew Iohn Abel his eschetour beyonde Trent, that hit was not to his harme or preiudice or of ony other, though he graunted to his welbeloued in crist the 4 abbesse and Couent of Godestowe that [t]he[y], of thre mesis, ij. toftis, and j. acre of lond, with the pertynentis, in karsyntoñ, and of vij. shillyng worthe of rent, with the pertynentes, in the same towne, the which Robert Sowy of Oxenford and Iohn fitz 8 Iohn of Stratford were I-wonyd to yeld to the same abbesse and Couent of þe tenauntryes the which they held of the forsaid abbesse and Covent in the same towne, to-gedir with homagis and seruyces of the forsaid Robert and Iohn and ther heires, 12 myght feffe Mighell Meldoñ: To be had and to be hold, to the same Mighell and to his heires, of the chief lordis of that fee, by dewe seruyce therof and wonyd for euer: The kyng, by the fyne the whiche the same Mighell made with hym, graunted and yaf 16 licence, for hym and his heires al so moche as was in hym, to the forsaid abbesse and couent that they myght feffe the forsaid Mighell of the forsaid mesys toftis lond and rent, with ther pertynentis, also with homagis and seruycis of the forsaid Robert 20 and Iohn and his heires: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires, * of the chief lordes of that fee by dew seruyce therof and wonyd for ever: And to the same Mighell [that he] myght reteyne to hym and to his heires and hold the forsaid mesis 24 toftis londe and rent, with ther pertynentis, Also with the homagis and seruyces of the same Robert and Iohn and ther heires, of the forsaid abbesse and couent, as hit is I-said before. The kyng also yaf speciall licence by the tenoure of this present 28 writyng, he not willyng that the forsaid abbesse and Couent and ther successours, or the forsaid Mighell or his heires, shold be greved or vexed occasionally by the skille of these writyngis afore, by hym, his heires, Iusticis, eschetours, Sherefis, or other 32 baillifis or mynystres. Into witnesse of this thynge, the kyng [made] this his lettres patentis, hym-self beyng witnesse, at Berewyk, vpon twede, the xiiij. day of Iune, the vij. yere of his reigne.

Godstow to enfeoff Sir Michael of Meldon in 3 messuages, 2 tofts, 1 acre, and 7s. rent-charge (see no. 430), with manorial rights over them,

in consideration of a fine.

* leaf 85, back.

[429.] * An endenture bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and Mighell Meledoñ.

* leaf 83, 1314, July 8.

Agreement between Godstow

The sentence of this endenture is, and witnesseth that, whan 36 a ple was I-meved bitwene the religious women, dame Moolde

and Michael of Meldon, about feudal duties owed by Godstow land in Cassington, * leaf 83, back.

abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one parte, and Mighell Meledon of the other partie, vpon dyuerse seruycis the which the said Mighell axed of the forsaid abbesse and Couent for certayn londes the whiche the forsaid abbesse 4 and Covent held of the forsaid myghel in the towne of karsynton: the viij. day of the monthe of Iuel, the viij. yere of the regne * of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward, hit was accorded bitwene them, with a frendly composicion, that the forsaid 8 abbesse and Couent knowlched them-self that they held of the said Mighell vj. meses and xvj. acres of lond, with ther pertynentis, in the forsaid towne of karsynton, by homage, fewte, and the seruyce of ij. partis of one knyght fee (that is to sey, whan 12 the scuage rynneth to xl. *shillings*, ij. mark, and to more, more, and to lasse [lasse]; and other foreyn seruyce as moche as longith to one knyght fee), and by the seruice of j. li. of pepir yerely to be paid to the said myghel his heires and his assignes at the fest 16 of seynt Thomas the appostle, for all seruyce; byndyng them-self, their successours, and all there londis and tenementis the whiche they helden in the forsaid towne of karsynton in the day of the makyng of þis present endenture, to whos euer hondes 20 they come, to distreynyng of the said myghell and his heires and his assignes as ofte as euer hit happenyth the said seruyce in parte or in all to be behynde and tho distreynyngis to withhold til that hit be satisfied to the same myghell his heires or to 24 his assignes fully for the same seruycis. And the forsaid Mighell graunted, for hym, his heires or his assignes, to aquyte the said abbesse and couent and ther successours ayenst Thomas, Erle of lancastre, and Alice his wyf, and the heires of the same Alice, 28 of all seruyce that myght be axed afterward of the seid abbesse and Couent and ther successours because of the said tenementis. To the which quytaunce wele and truly to be made, the forsaid Mighell bounde hym-self, his heires and his assignes, and all his 32 londis and tenauntryes in the towne of karsynton in whos-so-euer hondis they happen. And he graunte[d] for hym his heires and his assignes that yf hit happened the forsaid abbesse and Couent or ther successours to suffre distreynyng or harme 36 by the said Erle and Alice or by the heires of the same Alice or by her baillifis for defaute or lak of acquytaunce of the said Mighel [his] heires or his assignes for that tyme, hit shold be lawfull

viz homage, fealty, two-thirds of a knight's fee, and 1 lb. of pepper,

and dues to the chief lord (Thomas Plantagenet, second earl, succeeded 1296, married Alice de Lacy 1310, beheaded 1322). Powers of distraint to enforce these covenants.

to the said' abbesse and Couent and to ther successours by the[r] bailifis and mynysters to distreyne the said' Mighell [his] heires and his assignes in the said' tenementis, and to hold' stille the
4 distreynyngis that they tokeñ tille hit be fully satisfied' to the forsaid' abbesse and Covent and to there successours of the harmes that they ranne in for the defaute or lak, of a-quytaunce of the said' Mighell his heires or his assignes. Into witnesse of this
8 thynge, the comune seale of the said' abbesse and Couent was I-hanged' to the p*ar*tie of this endenture abidyng' to the said' Michell, and another p*ar*te remaynyng' I-sealed' w*ith* the seale of the said' Mighell to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent. These
12 beyng' witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at karsyntoñ, the day and yere aforsaid'.

[430.] Another endenture bytwene the said' abbesse and þe same Mighel.

1314, July 9.

Grant by Godstow, to Michael of Meldon,

THE sentence of this endenture witnesseth, that the ix. day of Iule, the viij. yere of the reigne of kyng' Edward' the sone of
16 kyng' Edward', hit was accorded' bitwene the religious women, dame moolde, the abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one p*ar*te, and Mighell Meledoñ of the other p*ar*te, so that is to sey, that, whan the forsaid' abbesse and Couent
20 yaf and graunted', and w*ith* ther writyng' confermed', to the said' * Michell [his] heires and his assignes, iij. mesis liyng' to-gedir of the southe p*ar*te of the lane ledyng' toward' the mese that was somtyme of Symond' Theodulph, w*ith* the toftis liyng' therto, in
24 the towne of karsyntoñ; also w*ith* two toftis I-closed' in, of the which one strecchith hit-self in lengh of the gardeyñ of the seid' Symond', and another in lengthe of the gardeyñ of the said' abbesse and Couent, in þe forsaid' towne of karsyntoñ; and
28 vij. s*hillings* of rent yerely to be take by the hand*es* of Rob*ert* Sowy and of Iohn fitz Iohn of Stratford', heires of Nicholas of Oxenford', for tway fyssh-weris in the forsaid' towne of karsyntoñ, as hit is conteyned' fully in the char*ter* of the feffement of the
32 said' abbesse and Covent I-made therof to the said' myghel: The forsaid' abbesse and couent willed' and graunted', for them and ther successours, that, yf hit happened' the said' Mighell his heires or his assignes to be lette by the kyng' or his mynyst*ers* or
36 by ony other, by ony dede I-made to ony man by the forsaid'

* leaf 84.

of three messuages, and two enclosed tofts,

and a rent-charge of 7*s*. issuing from two fisheries.

Godstow pledge a rent of 30s. yearly, in evidence of their intention to execute the transfer. [Appleford hide: see no. 336.]

abbesse and theire successours, that they may not have the sesynyng of the said tenementis; or they to be cast out fro ther sesynyng of the same tenementis by the kyng or his mynysters or by ony other, by ony maner of dede of the abbesse aforsaid 4 and the couent, Fro then-forth xxx. *shillings* of yerely rent, the which they were I-woned and oftyn to take of that hyde of lond that is I-called Appelford thurgh the hondes of the same Mighell, shold abide quyte and extincte into the handes of the 8 same Mighell his heires or his assignes tille the said abbesse and Couent or theire successours had I-made to the seid Mighell [his] heires or his assignes to haue full and pesible sesynyng of the forsaid tenauntries. Into witnesse of þe which thynge, the 12 communе seale of the forsaid abbesse and Couent was I-hanged to the parte of this endenture abidyng to the said Mighell, and the forsaid Mighell put to his seale to the parte of the endenture remaynyng to the forsaid abbesse and Couent, & *cetera*. The 16 date at karsynton, the day and yere abouesaide.

1350, Sept. 15.

[431.] Another endenture I-made bitwene Anneys Stretle, abbesse of Godestowe, and sir William Meledon, knyght.

Grant by Godstow, to Sir William of Meldon, of a 40 years' lease of a messuage and 3 plough-lands, with manorial rights over them,

THE sentence of this endenture is, that this endenture I-made bitwene dame Anneys Stretelee, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same of the one partie, and sir William Meledon, 20 Chyualer, witnesseth, þat the forsaid abbesse and couent of the same place, graunted toke and lete to the said sir William j. mese and iij. plough-lond, with the pertynentis, in karsynton in Oxenford-shire: To be had and to be hold, with wardes, 24 mariagis, relefis, eschetis, rentis, reuersions, bondemen and ther sequele, medys, pasturis closed and not closed, watirs, weyes, pathes, and with all other rightis and profites in ony wise longyng to the said mese and lond, of the forsaid Anneys and 28 her successours, to the forsaid ser William and to his heires and executours, fro Mighelmasse day next after the date of this present writyng vnto the ende of the terme of xl. wynter or yere inmediatly folowyng and fully I-complete, yeldyng therof 32 yerely, to þe forsaid *Anneys and to her successours, for the first vj. yere next folowyng after the date of this present writyng, j. rose at the fest of the natiuite of seynt John Baptist;

at first at rent of a rose

* leaf 84, back.

at Midsummer,

And after the forsaid' vj. yere fully complete, fro thens-forth, euery yere folowyng, yeldyng yerely to the forsaid' Anneys and to her successours x. marke of siluer, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Mighell the archaungell and the Annunciacioun of oure lady by even porcions; And do, for the forsaid' Anneys and her successours, thurgh all the terme abouesaid', to the chief lordis of that fee, all seruyce dew therof and I-wonyd' of right, and all other ordenary burdons and extra-ordinarie longyng to the said' mese and lond' in ony maner wise, out-take homages, and truly to be done whan they happen. And, yf the forsaid' rent were behynd' at ony tyme I-sette by ij. monthes, then-forth hit shold' be lawfull to the forsaid' Anneys and to her successours to entre in the forsaid' tenementis and to reteyne tho tenementis in full and pesible possession, without agayn-saiyng of the forsaid' sir william [his] heires or his executours or ony other who-so-ever they be. And the forsaid' sir william [his] heires and his executours shold' susteyne wele and competently all the houses of the said' mese, as in coveryng and tymbre, duryng the terme abouesaid', with his owne costis, and shold' surrendure them in al so good a state as they resceived' hem or better. And hit shold' not be lawfull to the same sir william [his] heires or to his executours to cast downe ony treys, nopere to make wast, sellyng or distroiyng, with-in the terme abouesaid', but for housebote. And the forsaid' Anneys and her successours shold' warantize and defende the forsaid' mese and lond', with all and everich ther pertynentis, as hit is aboue I-put, to the forsaid' sir william, vnto the ende of the terme of the forsaid' xl. yere fully and holy I-completid', ayenst all peple. In-to witnesse of the whiche, they put there seales to ther parties of ther endentures, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the wedensday in the morne of holy rode day I-called' the Exaltacion, the xxiiij^{ti} yere of the reigne of kyng Edward' the thirde after the conquest and the xj. yere of his reigne of Fraunce.

afterwards at £6 13*s.* 4*d.* a year.

Lessee is to discharge all services and duties laid on the lands.

Obligation to keep in repair. [Houses built of timber, and thatched.]

Prohibition to fell timber, except for housebote [= necessary repairs of the housing].

[Exaltatio Crucis = Sept. 14.]

[432.] A-nother endenture bitwene sir William of meledon knyght and dame Anneys abbesse of Godestowe and the Couent of the same place. 1350, Sept. 15.

THIS endenture, I-made at Godestowe, the wedensday in the morow of the Exaltacion of the holy crosse, the xxiiij. yere of

Inventory of the subjects in-

cluded in the preceding lease:

the reigne of Englond of kyng Edward the third after the conquest and of his reigne of Fraunce the xj. yere, witnessith that sir William Meledon, Chivaler, resceived of the takyng and grauntyng of dame Anneys Stretlee, that tyme abbesse of Godestowe, and of the Couent of the same place, j. mese and iij. plough-lond with the pertynentis in karsynton, as hit is I-conteyned in an endenture fully I-made to the said sir william by the said Anneys and the couent of the same place. In the which mese is I-conteyned:—j. halle, with ij. celers; j. kechyn, with a fornyce and j. oven; j. doffe-hous; j. wodehous; ij. grangis; j. oxe-hous for oxen; j. cowhous for kyne; j. carthous; j. garner; j. chamber, with a soler aboue for the mower; j. stable; j. hous for shepe, the which is I-sette in the same towne.

description of the buildings of the messuage;

list of free tenants, holding * leaf 85. their land by quit-rents, and suit to court;

Also ther ben iij. fre tenauntis, that is to sey, the same sir william holdith of the said [convent] the Estcroft and other tenauntries in the same * towne frely, and yeldith hym[1] by yere xxx. *shillings*, at iiij. termes of the yere by even porcions; [also[2], William Jurdain holds, of the convent, a messuage and half a yardland, freely, and pays 12*d.* rent yearly], and he shold do sute fro iij. wekes to thre [wekes].

list of serfs, holding their land by rent, aid, customary works and gifts;

Also of the bondemen there, that is to sey, william licchelade holdith of the lady j. mese and j. yerd of bonde-lond, and yeldith by yere v. *shillings* at iiij. termes in even porcions; and for the yelde[3], iij. *shillings* iiij. d. at the fest of seynt Martyn; and he ought to mowe the ladies corne ix. daies with j. man, without other werkes that he shold do; and for the tythe of hey, v. d.; j. cok, and v. hennes. Also Iohn Bras held al so moche [land, and paid rent, and] yeld, and did as the forsaid william licchelade, beside the werkes. Also Nicholas Iordan held of the lady j. mese and half acre[4] of bonde lond, and paid v. *shillings* vj. d. at iiij. termes of the yere by even porcions; and for the yeld, xx. d.; and for the tythe hey, ij. d. obolus, beside his workis, and ij. cokkis and v. hennys. Also Symon Holle held j. Cotage, vj. acris of bond-lond, and shold yelde by the yere iij. *shillings* at two termes of the

[1] i.e. to the convent. This is the 30*s.* rent-charge of 316/5.

[2] Added from the Latin copy.

[3] This is probably 'aid,' *auxilium.* In Edward II's reign, on many manors, each serf-tenant paid for his holding so much rent terminally, and, in addition, once a year (generally at Michaelmas) a sum of money *de auxilio.* Fowls were a common Christmas gift.

[4] 'acre,' in error for 'yardland.'

yere in even porcions; and iij. hennes, beside the workis. Also wymark holles helde j. cotage and ij. acris of bonde-lond, and yeldid by the yere ij. *shillings*, at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere in even
4 porcions; and j. cokke and iij. hennes, beside the workes. Also Iohn Scot holdith of the lady j. cotage w*ith* j. acre of bonde-lond and yeldid by yere ij. *shillings* ob*olus*; and j. coke and iij. hennys, beside the workis.

8 Also the mede of the westmede there lieth by lotte and conteyneth in hit-self[1]. . . . Also the mede of Rouueneye lieth by lotte and conteyneth in hit-self. . . . Also the mede of Farnhulle conteyneth by lotte xiij. acris. Also ther beth iij. Iles of mede, list of the meadows.
12 that is to sey, Bolenh*a*m, Borowgh*a*m, and heymede, they conteyneth in hit-self. . . . Into witnesse bothe sir William aforsaid and dame Anneys and her couent put to their*e* seales, eu*e*rych to others endenture. The date, the day and yere abouesaid.

[Charlbury; see Fawler.]

[Cowley.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow was in receipt of 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly from a close and 10 acres in Church Cowley (*Monast.* iv. 373): how, or when, acquired these documents do not show.]

[433.] * Chartur[2] of couenaunt bytwene þe templers of Coueley & Dame felice Abbas of Godestowe for a mese of londe. * leaf XXII or 33, back. About 1220.

16 The sentence of þis chartur is, þ*a*t þ*er* was a couenaunt I-made bytwene þe brethyrn of þe temple of coueley of þe on p*ar*tye, & Dame felice Bade, Abbas of Godestowe, & þe holy mynchons of þe same place, of þe oþ*er* p*ar*tye: þ*a*t is to sey, þ*a*t 20 þe brethyrne of þe temple of Coueley leten to þe abbas of Godestowe & to hyr holy mynchons of þe place, in-to eschaunge, a mese of her londe of Coueley þ*a*t lyeth by-twene þe mede crofte, þe whyche mese co*n*teynyth in hyt-self xvj. p*er*chys in 24 lengeth & vj. p*er*chys in brede, for j. halfe acre of londe of þe holy mynchons of Godestowe in þe felde of Coueley, þe whych lyeth in longefurlonge, & j. rode, þ*a*t is to sey þe fowrth p*ar*te of j. acre, the whyche is callid þe heuedhierde[3], þe whyche lyeth atf

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of strips of land.

[1] The blanks left for the measurements are blank also in the Latin copy.

[2] In the Exchequer MS. the brief rubric is in French: 'Des Templers de Couele' cf. p. 233.

[3] i. e. head-'yerde' = rood.

* leaf XXIII or 34.

on wey: & þat þis coue*naunt & thys eschaunge of þe foreseyde londys sholde be kept sure and stable for euyr vppon bothe partyes, þe foreseyde brethyrne of þe temple of Coueley, by þe counsel & assent of the brethyrn, sette to þis parte of þe chartur þat remaynyth a-nenste þe holy mynchons of Godestowe here seele: & is with-out date.

About 1220.

[434.] A Chartur of þe templers of Coueley for an acre of londe.

Exchange between Godstow and the Knights Templars,

THE sentence of þis couenaunt is, þat it was a-cordid̃ by-twene þe brethyrn of the temple of Coueley of þat on parte, & Dame felice bade, Abbas of Godestowe, & þe mynchons of þe same place, of þe oþer parte: þat is to sey, þat þe foreseyd̃ brethyrn of the temple gaf on acre of londe to the seyd̃ Abbas & mynchons of Godestowe, in-to eschange of þe seyde holy mynchons, þe whyche acre of londe is nyhe þe shephous of þe seyde brethyrn of þe temple towarde the west at Bulenden. Furþermore, hit is to be knowe þat that acre, þe whyche þe seyde brethern of þe temple gaf to þe seyde holy mynchons in-to eschaunge for the acre nyhe þe shephous of the seyde brethyrn of the temple, lyeth to-warde þe west in þat quarter þat is callid̃[1] 'ogayn keston' in englyssh, & in latyn 'a-geynyst the stone' at bolenden, þat is to say, þe next acre by-syde þe forowe & þe hed of þe foreseyde acre: & þat þis couenaunt sholde be sur̃ & a-bydynge for euyr vppon bothe partyes, the seyde brethyrn of the knyhthode of the temple sette to her seele to þe parte of þis present Chartur, þe whyche remaynyth aneynst þe abbas & holy mynchons of Godestowe: & is with-oute date.

[Bullingdon.]

of land.

[agayn ye ston?]

About 1300?

[435.] Chartur of an acre of londe & an half in Coueley I-made by anneis sclatter of Eynisham.

Sale to Richard of Toryndon, by Agnes Sclatter, of 3 half-acres.

THE sentence of thys charter is, þat anneys, þat was þe wyfe of henry sclatter of Eynysham, in her̃ þur̃ weduhod & lauful power̃ beynge, gaf, grauntyd̃, & confirmyd̃ wyth wrytynge, to richarde þe sone of alisaunder of Toryndon, on acre & a half of arable londe liynge in þe feelde of temple Coueley & of churche coueley, where-of j. halfe acre lyeth toward̃ Oxenford̃, in telth

[1] ? 'agin' the stone.'

þat is callyd' Ophul, by-twene þe londe of henry Smerebrede & the londe þat sumtyme Iohn coc helde; & j. halfe acre lyeth at adgarston, bytwene þe londe of Iohn coc & þe londe of Iohn
4 herny; & þe thyrde halfe acre lyþe in Storthebreth [1], by-twene þe londe of Ric*hard* Gyle & þe londe of hugh of churche, to be holde & to be had', w*ith* all her p*er*tinenc*es*, to þe fore-seyde Richarde & to hys heyrys or to hys assynys, frely, quietly, well & pesibly,
8 in fee & herytage for euyr, of þe chyf lordys of þat fee by dewe seruices þ*er*-of & wonyd', for all s*er*uic*es* seculer & demaunde. Also þe fore-seyde anneys & her heyrys warantiȝyd & defendyd' þe fore-seyde acre & halfe of londe to the fore-seyde richard'
12 & to hys heyrys or assynys, a-geynyst all mortall pepull for euyr: and' for þis gyft graunt & confirmacion, þe fore-seyde Richard' gaf to hym [2] a su*m*me of silu*er* by-fore hondys. In-to wytnes þ*er*-of he [2] strengthyd' hyt w*ith* hys [2] seele: & is wyth-
16 owte date.

[Cutslow. A hamlet, north of Oxford, between the Banbury road and the Cherwell.]

[436.] * A Chart*er* of Walt*er*, Archidekon of Oxenford', for the tythis of his lond' in Cudeslawe. * leaf 95. 113§.

Grant to Godstow, by Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, of tithe.

The sentence of this chart*er* is that Walt*er*, Archidekon of Oxenford', made to be know that he yaf into almesse to the chirch of seynt Iohn of Godestow the tythe of his lond' in his
20 lordship of Cudeslawe and put hit vpon the auter in the dedicacion of the chirche, afore Alisaundir bisshop of lincoln*e* and other bisshoppes, the which halowed' hit, & c*etera*.

[Easington.]

[Note.—The main fact is clear enough, but there are some difficulties as to names and dates. Godstow certainly had an interest in Easington church. In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* Godstow is put down as receiving a yearly pension of £1 6*s*. 8*d*. out of 'Essington' church in Aston rural deanery.

[1] Probably 'Storthe-brech.'

[2] 'he,' 'hym,' 'hys,' as often, for 'she,' 'her.'

There is no mention of an income from Easington in the surveys of 1531 or 1540. In no. 438 Easington is said to be given to Godstow by William of Sewkesworth along with the tithe of his Sewkesworth mills; but (i) in no. 25 it is said that the donor of the church was Thurstan, William's son, (ii) the tithe of the mills appears in Henry II's second confirmation (no. 879), 1165, Easington only in his third confirmation (no. 886), 1182.]

* leaf XXVII or 38. About 1150. Grant to St. Peter's church, Easington, at its consecration, by Robert of Seuecoworthe (see p. 43), of land.

[437.] * Chartur of Robert of Seuecoworthe for an acre of londe þat he gafe to churche of Esendone.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat Roberte of Seuecoworthe gafe, grauntid, & confirmid bi his writinge, to god & to our ladi & to seint petur & to þe churche of Esendon, in-to pur dowre & perpetuel almis, whenne þe fore-seide churche was halowid, j. acre of londe, for þe sowle of his fadur & modur aunceturs & successours, þe whiche acre was of his demayn in þe town of esendon, in [the] telþe to-warde þe weste to[1] þe fore-seide churche, next (þat is to sei, nyhe) þe churche-yerd, & nyhe þe courte of þe persone of þe fore-seide towne, strecchinge oon * hed to þe norþe & a-noþer hed to þe sowth: & þat þis gif[t]e & graunte sholde a-bide, he made hit sur with his writinge & selinge. Who-so-euir wille come a-geynyste þe fore-seide gifte or lette hit in ony wise, he shal knowe þat he is a-cursid of þe bisshop þat halowid þe churche, & of all þe prestes þat were ther, tille he haue satisfied: & is withe-oute date.

* leaf XXVII or 38, back.

[Anathema against violators.]

* leaf XXVII or 38. About 1166? Grant to Godstow, by William of Seuecowrthe, of Easington church, when he gave no. 25.

[438.] * Chartur of william of Seuecoworth for þe churche of esendon.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat william of Seuecowrthe gafe & grauntid, bi þe consent of his wife & of his heiris, to god & to our ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste & to þe churche of Godestowe & to þe holi minchons ther seruinge god, in-to pur & perpetuel almis, for þe helþe of his sowle & of his predecessours & successours, þe churche of esendon, with all his pertinences; & þe tithe of his milles of Seuecoworth in corn & in monei & fisshe; & v. acris of londe in þe name of heyyet: & is with-oute date.

[1] Read 'of' for 'to.'

[439.] * Confirmacion of Robert of Seuecoworthe for þe same churche and for the tithis of Seuecoworthe.

* leaf XXVII or 38, back. About 1200.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Robert (son of William) of Seuecoworth,

THE sentence of þis confirmacion is, þat Robert of Seuecoworth, in þe presens of sir hugh[1], bi þe grace of God, Abbot of Abendon, grauntid in-to perpetuel almis, & confirmid with his writinge, to god & to our ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste & to þe holi minchons seruinge god at Godestowe, þe giftes þat william his fadur made to hem & confirmid with his writinge, þat is to sei, the church of Esendon with all his pertinences, & hooli & fulli to be holde, as euir þe church of Esendon was wonid to take; & also þe ful tithe of his teo millis of Seuecoworthe, in corn, penyis, & fisshes; & v. acris of meed þat is I-callid heyet. Furþermore he grauntid & gafe to þe fore-namid holi minchons, j. parte of Mede of vpmede to make her courte larger, wherebi he encresid þe almis of his fadur; and for þat cause he willid & sureli grauntid þat þe holi minchons of Godestowe sholde haue holy & fulli & sholde take to possession for euir all þe fore-seide pinges: & þat þis graunt & gifte sholde be sure, he made hit stronge boþe with his writinge & also with his seelinge: & is with-oute date.

of his father's gifts as in no. 438,

[pennies = money.]

and grant of meadow to enlarge the convent enclosure.

[440.] Contrauersie I-meuyd bi-twene þe abbas of Godestowe & þe chanons of Norton I-endid by composicion.

About 1205.

Suit between Godstow and Norton priory, as to the status of Easington church, Norton claiming it as a chapel-of-ease of Pirton, before the pope's delegates.

THE sentence of þis composicion is, þat william[2], bi þe grace of god bisshop of lincolne, consideringe þe plee þat was bi-twene þe prior & þe chanons of Norton of þe on parte & þe holi minchons of Godestowe of þe oþer parte, vppon þe churche of Esendon, þe whiche þe same chanons askid as a chapel to her churche of piriton longinge, a-fore G. of Chestur[3] & O. of stanlane, Abbotes, & V. deene of Chestre, iuggeses delegates fro þe pope, & þe parties beinge there presente, bi þe assent of þe iugis, for to compoune frendeli, þe fore-seide contrauersie cesid bi þis ende: þat is to sei, þat þe fore-seide chanons remittid all her ryht þat þei, or þe churche of piriton, semid to haue had, to

[1] Hugh, abbot of Abingdon, occurs 1197, died 1221.
[2] William de Blois, bishop of Lincoln, 1203–6.
[3] Geoffrey, abbot of Chester, 1194–1208.

Godstow is to have the church, but to pay to Norton a yearly pension of 2*s*. [bezant, if of silver = 2*s*.] and Pirton and Easington are to be different parishes.

þe minchons of Godestowe for euir, & þat vtturli & freli, the iugg*es* beinge p*r*esent; & þe fore-seide minchons sholde pay oute yerli to þe fore-seide chanons for euir, at þe feste of seint Mihel, j. besaunte for þe goodenes of þe peece, & þat þe parisshons of piriton þei sholde not receiue bi ryht of parisshe in þe fore-seide churche of Esendon to diuine seruice, noþer þei sholde not chalenge no parisshe ryht of þe churche of pirito*n*; noþer þe chanons in þe churche of Esendon: & þat no man sholde do ageinste þis composicion, thei strengthid þis composic*i*on boþe bi writinge & bi settinge to of her seelis: & is w*ith*-oute date.

About 1220?

[441.] Chartur of william of walton for xij. d̃ of yerli rente in Esendon.

Grant to Godstow,

* leaf XXVIII or 39.

by William of Walton, of a rent-charge of 18.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat william of waltoñ, bi þe consent of Moolde his wife & of william his heire, for god & for the helþe of his *sowle & of all his aunceturs & successours, gafe, grauntid̃, & confirmid̃, to god & to our̃ blessid ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons þer seruinge god, in-to pur̃ & p*er*petuel almis, xij. d̃ of his rente to be take yerli of Esendon at þe natiuite of seint Iohn baptiste: & þat þis gifte & *gra*unt sholde be ferme & stable, he put to þis wr[i]tinge his seele: & is w*ith*-oute date.

1273, Aug. 12.

[442.] Chartur of þe pension of the churche of Esendon.

Confirmation to Godstow,

by a papal commission,

of a pension of £1 6*s*. 8*d*. yearly, out of Easington church, withheld

THE sentence of this chartur is, þat symon, p*er*son of þe churche of Esendo*n*, of lincolne diocise, aftur ple I-meuid̃ bi-twene þe religius ladijs the abbas & þe couent of Godestowe of þe on p*ar*te, & hym of þe oþ*er* p*ar*te, vppon a yerli pension of ij. marke to be paid̃ in þe name of þe churche a-fore-seid̃, a-fore þe chaunt*er* of wircetur, iugge delegate of þe pope, þowh þat he with-helde bi certen time þe a-boue seide pension (at þe fals suggestio*n* & strength of su*m*me pepul), þe riht & possession of þe seide religious ladijs, yet he knowlich hym-selfe i*n* þys p*ar*te, bi þe tenowre of þis p*r*esent writinge, þat he was ful ignorant wilfulli & shrewdeli, & now made opynli to be know hym-selfe, in þe name of þe seide chu*r*che, to be holde to þe seide ladijs in-to ij. marke yerli to be paid̃ at iiij. termis, þat is to sei, at

Mihel-mas, vj. *shillings* viij. d'; at cristemas, vj. *shillings* viij. d'; at Estur, vj. *shillings* viij. d'; at missomur, vj. *shillings* viij. d'; & þowh þe seide Iuge, folowinge his confession, as he owyd', in-to the seide su*mm*e of monei to be paid' in þe name of þe seide churche, & also condempnid' hym lawefulli in v. marke in þe name of þe expens*es*: yet he reseruid' þe execusion to him-selfe vppon þese þing*es* a-boue. Natheles he wilfulli her' bounde hym owne selfe, to hem beinge p*re*sent, w*ith* bodili othe, to þe fore-seide graunt yerli to be paide in her termis a-fore-seide. More-ouir he subiectid' hym-selfe to þe constreininge of ony iuge, ordinarie or delegate, þ*at*[1] þe seide religius ladijs wolde chese, so muche, if he failid *in* þe seide graunt at oni t*er*me, þ*at*[2] hit sholde be leful to þe seide iuge delegate or a-noþ*er*, aftur her' owne luste, w*ith*-oute ony noise of iugement, a lawful warninge I-made bi-fore, fro day to day for to a-curse hym, And, hym[3] as conuicte vppon p*er*iury & irregularite to þe seide religious ladijs, þei to p*re*sente, w*ith*out oni ageine seiinge of hym, to þe seide churche, as vacante bi riht & dede. The constreini*n*ge of þe seide iuge p*ro*cedinge w*ith* effecte a-geynyste hym boþe vppon þe p*r*incipal dette & also vppon þe harmis or interesse [to] be satisfied' to þe seide religius ladijs couenientli, vppon þe whiche harmis or interesse he willed þ*at* hit be byleuid' to her proctur, w*ith* oon worde vppon all' þe p*re*missis and eu*er*yche he renu*n*cyd. Also þe excepcion of þe courte or of him þ*at* scholde be his iuge by þe benefet of ony constitucion de sensib*us*, all' excepcions cauillac*i*ons & remedie of lawe canon & ciuile þ*at* mai be a-geiniste þis writi*n*g, & nameli þe gen*er*all' constitucion of twei dais iurney. In-to witnes of þe same þi*n*ge, þe seelis of þe religius men & siris of Norton of lincolne diocise, chau*nter* of þe churche of wircet*ur*, archedecun of Oxenford' & dene of þe same place, & also of þe dene of Eston, I[4] made to be put to w*ith* myn owne seele; þe date at Oxenford', þe saturday next a-fore

by the incumbent.

Expenses set at £3 6*s*. 8*d*. but execution reserved.

The pension must be duly paid in future,

under penalties of excommunication, and expulsion from the benefice.

[Assumption of Mary = Aug. 15.]

[1] i.e. 'whom.'

[2] 'þ*at*' joins on to 'so muche.'

[3] The obscurity comes from bringing in an ablative absolute clause in the wrong place and wrongly attaching a dative to it. The sense is:—(Simon) 'submits himself to the compulsion or coercion of any judge' Godstow may choose, to the intent that, if he failed to keep his covenant, it shall be lawful to that judge to excommunicate him, and it shall be lawful 'to the said religious ladies (Simon being thereby found guilty of perjury and irregularity) to present to the church, as being in fact and in law vacant, whomsoever they please,' without taking the least consideration of Simon.

[4] A lapse into the first person, as in the Latin copy.

* leaf XXVIII or 39, back.

þe assumpcion of oure ladi, þe yere * of oure lorde a thowsande to hunderd̃ thre score & xiij.

[Fawler, a hamlet of Charlbury.]

* leaf XXXVIII or 48. About 1300?

[443.] * Chartur of william blundus of faufelore I-made to þe holi minchons of Godestowe for xviij. d̃ of yerli rente euin þere.

Grant to Godstow, by William Blundus,

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat william blundus[1] of faufelore gaf, grauntid̃, & confirmid̃, to þe howse of Godestowe & to þe holi minchons þere seruinge god, for þe helþe of his sowle & of þe sowlis of his aunceturs & successours, in-to pur̃ & perpetuel almis, xviij. d̃ of yerli rente at to termis of þe yere, þat is to sei, et Mihelmas ix. d̃, & at oure ladi-dai in marche ix. d̃, to be take of a tenement with his pertinences þat henri þe sone of henri vlger sum-time helde of him in þe towne of faufelore, with all̃ fredoms & eschetes þat miht falle of the fore-seide tenement with þe pertinences to him or to his heires, to be had̃ & to be hold̃, freli & quietli pesibli & holli. Also þe seide william & his heiris warantiȝed̃ & defendid̃ for euir þe fore-seide rente of xviij. d̃, with all̃ liberteis & eschetes þat miht * falle to him & to his heiris of þe fore-seide tenement with his pertinences: & þat all þese þinges a-fore-seide sholde be sure & stable for euir, he sette to þis writinge his seele: & is without date.

of 18*d.* rent-charge,

with the reversionary rights conferred by it.

* leaf XXXVIII or 48, back.

About 1300?

[444.] An oþer chartur of william blundus of xviij. d̃.

Grant to Henry Ulger, by William Blundus, of a messuage,

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat william blundus of faufelore gaf grauntid̃ & confirmid̃ to henri fitz henri vlger, for his homage & seruice, a mese with þe pertinences þat humfrei malon sum-time helde in þe towne of faufelore, & halfe j. akir̃ of mede in la more þat lieth bitwene þe londe of Raph Danuers of j. parte & þe londe of Gunnilde widowe of þe oþer parte, to be had̃ & to be holde, of him & of his heiris, to him & to his heiris, freli & quietli, fulli & holli, pesibli and worshipfulli, in weijs & bipatthis, in medis & pasturis, & in all̃ oþer placis, with all̃ liberteis & free customs, painge þerof yerli to þe howse of

[1] 'William son of Blondes' in Wigram's *Cartulary of St. Frideswide*, ii. 229.

Godestowe & to þe holi minchons þer̃ seruinge god̃, for þe helþe of his soule & of þe sowlis of his auncet*urs* & successours, xviij. d̃ of rente at too *ter*mis of þe yere to be take, þ*at* is to sei, 4 at mihelmas ix. d̃, & at oure ladi dai in marche ix. d̃, for all̃ seruices, seut*es*, customs, & demaundis to him & to his heiris perteininge. Furþ*er*-more þe fore-seide william & his heiris warantiȝid & defendid the fore-seide mese w*ith* his p*er*tinenc*es* 8 to þe fore-seide henri & to his heiris for euir ageiniste all̃ men: & þ*at* his gifte graunt & confirmacion & defendinge sholde a-bide ferme & stable for euir, he put to þis writinge his seele: & is w*ith*-out date.

subject to the rent-charge to Godstow, as in no. 443.

[Fencot, a hamlet in Ambrosden parish.]

[445.] * Chartur bitwene þe abbot of abendon & william turpin for þe londe of Fencote.

* leaf XXXVI or 46. About 1180. Grant to William Turpin, by Abingdon Abbey (Roger, abbot, 1175–84), of land in Fencot (in exchange for land in Dumbleton), to be held by quit-rent of 2*s*.

12 The sentence of þis chartur̃ is, þ*at* Rog*er*, abbot of abendon, bi þe co*m*mune assent of all̃ þe couent, grauntid̃ all̃ her̃ londe of fenchote to w. turpin & to his heiris to be holde of hem in fee & heritage, for ij. *shillings* yerli to be paid̃ þ*er*of at mihel-mas, 16 for all̃ seruice p*er*teininge to her̃ churche: & they warantiȝid̃ to him þis londe: & william turpin quite-claimid̃ þe londe þ*at* þe abbot claimid̃ to þe churche of abendon in du*n*kelton[1], & warantiȝid̃ hit for all̃ his kynne & ageiniste all̃ þe p*ro*genie of 20 helie, bi the which he claimid̃; & if þe fore-seide william or his miht not warantiȝe þe fore-seide londe, þe churche of abendon sholde receiue her̃ londe of fenchote fre & quiete of w. & his. The ij. *shillings* he sholde pay to þe cham*er*er of abendon at þe 24 t*er*mẽ aforesayde: & þ*at* þis couena*n*t shulde be sur*e*, a-fore þe kinge at Oxenforde & many oþ*er*, he putte þ*er*-to his seele: & is w*ith*-oute date.

[446.] Chartur of william turpin I-made to Geffrei his sone for all̃ his londe in Fencote.

About 1200. Grant to Jeffrey Turpin, by his father and William

The sentence of this chartur̃ is, þ*at* william turpin gaf 28 grauntid̃ & confirmid̃ to Geffrei his sone, for his homage & seruice, all̃ his londe of fencote w*ith* all̃ his p*er*tinens, þ*at* is to

[1] In error for Dumbleton, Gloucestershire: see Abingdon Cartulary, ii. 233, where there is an account of the dispute between Abingdon Abbey and William Turpin, camerarius regius.

William, of no. 445,

sei, in medis pasturis & in oþer þinges perteininge to hit: to be holde & to be had', to him & to his heiris in fee & heritage, or to whom-so-euir he wille assine or gif hit, freli quietli & pesibli & worshipfulli finalli, for j. ł. of peper (or vj. d', aftur þe wille of þe same gefrei, his heiris, or of ony of his assinis) painge yerli to him & to his heiris at mihel-mas, for alle seruice & exaccion, sauinge þe vtwarde seruice of þe lordis, þat is to sei, ij. *shillings* to þe chamberer of þe abbei of abendon yerli to be paid' at mihelmas * for all seruice. Also william turpin & his heiris warantiȝid' to þe foreseide Gefrei & to his heiris or to his assinis the fore-seide londe with his pertinences a-geiniste all men & women: & for þis gifte confirminge & warantiȝinge, the fore-seide Gefrei gaf to him j. marke of siluir: & þat his gifte & graunt sholde be sure for euir, he put to his seele.

subject to the 2*s.* quit-rent to Abingdon Abbey.

* leaf XXXVI or 46, back.

Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.*

1218, Dec. 14.

[447.] A final a-corde bitwene Osberte turpin & herebert of piri for j. hide of londe with þe pertinences in fencote.

Sale to Osbert Turpin (see no. 19), by Herebert of Perry, [Lucy = Dec. 13.]

THE sentence of þis finall a-corde is, þat þer was a final a-corde I-made in the kingis courte at Oxenforde, þe thirde yere of þe reine of kinge henri þe sone of kinge Iohn, vppon þe morow of seint lucie þe uirgin, a-fore Richard', bisshoppe of Salisburi, Matheu fitȝ herbert, Raph haringe, walter foliot, Iamis poterne, walter ripane, & Iohn wikenolte, iustices iorneinge, & oþer trewe men of þe kinges þere beinge presente, bitwene osbert turpin, asker, & herebert of piri, holder, of j. hide londe with his pertinens in fencote, where-of hit was pleid' bitwene hem in þe same courte: þat is to sei, þe fore-seide herebert knowliche to þe fore-seide osbert þe foreseid' hide of londe, with his pertinences, to be þe riht of Osbert: & for þis recognicion fine & a-corde þe fore-seide Osbert gaf to him iiij. ł. of sterlinges & j. halfe.

of all title in 'the Turpin hide.' Purchase-money, £4 10*s.*

About 1230.

[448.] Chartur of Osbert turpin I-made to þe minchons of Godestowe for all his londe in fencote.

Sale to Godstow by Osbert Turpin of

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat Osbert turpin of bleburi gaf, grauntid', & quite-claimid' of him & of his heiris, & confirmid', to god' & to oure ladi & seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to

þe minchons þ*ere* seruinge god', for þe helthe of his soule & of Iohne his wife & for þe soulis of his aunceturs & successours, all his londe þ^e^ whiche he had' in fencote, þe whiche [1] is callid' 'þe 4 londe of turpin' of þe fee of þe abbot of abendon, w*ith* all his p*er*tinenc*es*, w*ith*-oute oni reteininge, in wod' & mede, in feldis & pasturis, in weijs & patthis, & w*ith* all customs & fredo*m*s longinge to þe same fore-seide londe, & w*ith* all bonde-men 8 holdinge of þe fore-seide londe & her*e* sequels, to be had' & to be holde to þe same minchons, of him & of his heiris for euir, painge þ*er*of yerli to him & to his heiris j. ȝj. of comin at mihelmas, & to þe abbei of abendon ij. s*hillings* for all seruice & exaccion 12 seculer: & þe fore-seide Osbert turpin & his heiris warantiȝid' for euir all þe fore-seide londe w*ith* all p*er*tinenc*es* to þe fore-seide minchons a-geinist all men & also acquitid' hem: & for þis gifte, graunt, quiete-claime & warantiȝinge, þe fore-seide minchons 16 gaf to him xxvj. marke of silu*er* in wariȝon: & to all man*er* of sekirnes to be made & confirmid', he put to his seele: & is w*ith*-oute date.

'the Turpin land,' as in no. 446,

subject to 2*s.* quit-rent to Abingdon (as in no. 445 and 446). Purchase-money, £17 6*s.* 8*d.*

[449.] Chartur of Osbert turpin of bleburi I-made to þe minchons of Godestowe for þe londe in fencote þ*at* is callid' le hide turpin [2].

About 1230.

Sale to Godstow, by Osbert Turpin, of 'the Turpin hide' (as in no. 447?)

THE sentence of þis chartur is þe same þ*at* is a-fore; w*ith* þis 20 addicion, þ*at* osbert turpin gaf þe fore-seide londe in-to pur*e* & p*er*petuel almis.

[450.] Chartur of þe abbot & of þe couent confirminge þe fore-seide gifte of Osbert.

About 1230.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*at* Iohn, abbot of abendon, & þe couent of þe same place, grauntid', & confirmid', to god & 24 to our*e* ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons þ*ere* seruinge god' * & to serue for euir, þe riht þe whiche Osbert turpin made to þe seide minchons of j. hide of londe w*ith* þe p*er*tinenc*es* in þe towne of fencote, þe which is 28 of her fee, to be holde & to be had', to þe seide minchons & to

Confirmation to Godstow, by Abingdon Abbey, * leaf XXXVII or 47. probably of nos. 446 and 447,

[1] Latin: 'que vocatur la hyde Turpyn.'

[2] Latin: 'la hyde Turpyn.' The compiler of the Latin Register has treated this deed as a duplicate of no. 448. It looks as if it might be a conveyance of no. 447 as a distinct holding. Contrast the quit-rents in nos. 450 and 448.

subject to 5s. quit-rent to Abingdon Abbey.

here successours for euir, of hem & of here successours, freli & quietli, painge þerof yerli to hem & to her successours v. *shillings* of sterlinges at mihelmas, for alle seruice, custom, & demaunde longinge to hem & to her successours in ony wise: & þat þis graunt & confirmacion sholde a-bide sure for euir, þe abbot put to þis writinge his owne seele, and also þe commune seele: & is with-oute date.

1247. **[451.] Indenture & concorde finalle I-made bitwene Iohn bereworth & dame Flandrine abbes of Godestowe for an homage & resonable relef of Fencote.**

Agreement with Godstow,

THE sentence of [this] chartur is this, þat þer was a finalle concorde I-made in þe kingis courte at Oxenford, fro trinite sonedai in-to xv. dais, þe xxxj. yer of þe reine of kinge henri þe sone of kinge Iohn, a-fore Roger of thurkilbi, Gilbert preston, Maistur Simon wauton, & Iohn Cobham, iustices, & oþer trewe men of þe kinges þer beinge present, bitwene Iohn of bereworth, plainer, & Flandrine, abbas of Godestowe, of þat þat þe abbas wolde take homage & resonable relefe of þe fore-seide Iohn of his fre tenement þat he helde of þe fore-seide abbas in fencote, & where-of hit was pletid bi-twene hem in þe same courte: þat is to sei, þat þe fore-seid Iohn receiuid & grauntid, for him-selfe & for his heiris, þat þei afturwarde sholde pai yerli to þe same abbas & to oþer succedinge her viij. *shillings* iiij. d at too termis for þe fore-seide tenement, þat is to sei, hal'e at Mihelmas & þe oþer halfe at our ladi dai in marche, for alle seruice & exaccion (wher-of þe same Iohn & his aunceturs were not I-wonid to pai to þe fore-seide abbas & to oþer abbassis a-fore hir but v. *shillings* bi yere & to finde to hem herborowh for þe same tenement): & for þis recognicion graunt & concorde, þe same abbas relesid & quiete-claimid, of hir & of oþer abbassis succedinge her & her churche a-fore-seide, to þe fore-seide Iohn & to his heiris, þe fore-seide herborowinge þat his a-fore aunceturs wer wonid to finde to þe predecessours of þe same abbas for þe fore-seide tenement for euir, & also alle þe arrerages of þe fore-seide seruice vn-to þe dai þat þis concorde was made. Also hit is to be knowe þat þe fore-seide abbas toke homage of þe fore-seide Iohn in þe same courte þer-fore; & furþermore þe same Iohn gaf to þe fore-seide abbas j. marke of siluer.

by John of Bereworth,

to pay an addition of 3s. 4d. to his former rent,

in order to have exemption from the feudal burden called 'harbouring.'

Fee paid 13s. 4d.

[452.] * Chartur of william de la hide of fencote.

* leaf XXXVIII or 48. 1314, June 24. Quit-claim to Godstow, by William de la hide, of lands held from Godstow.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat william de la hide of fencote yeldid & grauntid to dame Molde vpton, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place, all þe londe with tenementes croftes haijs & dichis þat he had sumtime of þe letinge of aliȝ Gorges, abbas of Godestowe, & þe couent of þe same place, so þat noþer he ne none in his name miht chalenge oni riht or claime here aftur in þe tenementes a-fore-seide. In-to witnes of þe whiche þinge his seele was sette to þis presente writinge; þe date at Godestowe, in þe feste of seint Iohn baptiste, the vij. yere of kinge Edwarde þe sone of kinge Edwarde.

[453.] * Charture of Molde vpton, abbas of Godestowe, to thomas tailour ** of fencote, for an howse I-callid þe coweri, with a crofte I-callid þe caluene, with þe pertinencis, in fencote.

* leaf XXXVII or 47, back. ** leaf XXXVIII or 48. 1314, Aug. 1. Life-rent by Godstow, to Thomas and Alice tailour, of the cowry and Calves-croft, as excepted in no 454. Quit-rent, 4*s.* yearly. Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.*

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat molde Vpton, abbas of Godestowe, & here couent, gaf, grauntid, & confirmid, to thomas tailour of fencote & to aliȝ his wife, j. howse þat is callid þe cowri, & on crofte I-callid þe caluene-crofte with haijs & dichis vppon euiri side, with all his pertinences or dewe to perteine, to be had & to be holde, with all cotages & fredoms, all þe dais of her life, for hem & for her successours, freli quietli welle & pesibli, painge þerof yerli to hem & to here successours iiij. shillings of siluer at to termis of þe yere, þat is to sei, at Mihelmas ij. shillings, & at oure ladi dai in marche ij. shillings for all seruice seculer & demaunde, sauinge vtwarde seruice: & for þis gifte graunte & confirmacion, þe fore-seide Thomas & aliȝ gaf to hem j. marke of siluer, so þat aftur þe decese of Thomas & aliȝ þe seide tenementes sholde turne ageine fulli to hem & to her successours: & if hit happun þe seide Thomas & aliȝ to faile in þe paiment of þe seide rente, in parte or in all, þat hit sholde be lefull to hem & here successours & procuratours to distreine vppon þe seide londis & tenementes & reteine the distresses til þat hit be satisfied fulli of þe arrerages. Furþermore þe seide molde & her couent warantiȝid & defendid all þe fore-seide tenementes to þe foreseid Thomas & aliȝ, all here life time, in þe forme a-fore-seide, a-geiniste all pepul. In-to witnes of þis

þinge þe seide Thomas & aliȝ, & þei also *with* þe *com*mune sele, strengthid̃ þis writinge diuidid̃ in tweine aftur þe forme of an Indenture: þe date at Godestowe in þe feste of seint petur̃ ad vincula, þe viij. yere of þe reine of kinge Edwarde þe sone of kinge Edwarde.

* leaf XXXVII or 47. 1318, April 28.

[454.] *A confirmacion I-made to sir*e* Ric*hard* ber*e* for all̃ þe londe w*ith* þe mese w*ith* the pertinenc*es* in fencote & morcote.

Grant by Godstow, to Richard la bere, of William de la hide's holdings (with one exception, no. 453).

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*a*t margeri dine, abbas of Godestowe, & þe couent of þe same place, gafe graunt*id̃* & confirmid̃ to sir Ric*hard* la ber*e* all̃ her̃ londe w*ith* a mese & all̃ his p*er*tinenc*es*, the whiche william de la hide sum-time helde of hem in fencote & morcote, except j. crofte nih þ^e^ bacchemede & j. mese in þ^e^ whiche Iohn alwi dwellid̃, to be had̃ & to be holde to þ^e^ fore-seide Ric*hard* his heiris & assinis, of hem & of her̃ successours for euir, for þ^e^ seruice of viij. s*hillings* bi yer*e* to be paid̃ to hem & to her̃ successours at fowre t*er*mis of þ^e^ yer̃, þ*a*t is to sei, at mihelmas, ij. s*hillings*; & at * cristemas, ij. s*hillings*; at the feste of þ^e^ annunciacion, ij. s*hillings*; & at Midsom*er*, ij. s*hillings*; & for heriette & relefe, whenne hit fallith̃ aftur þ^e^ dethe of þ^e^ seide Richard̃ his heiris or assinis, l. s*hillings* for all̃ seruic*es*, customs, & demaundis: & if hit happ*on* þ^e^ seide rente of viij. s*hillings* or of l. s*hillings* to be bihinde in þ^e^ times I-sette, þ*a*t þen hit sholde be lefull̃ to hem & to her̃ successours, in þe londis & rentis & tenem*entes* a-fore-seide, for þe fore-seide rent heriette & relefe, to distreine, & to reteine þe distreininge til hit be satisfied̃ to hem of all̃ þe fore-seide þing*es*. Also if hit happun þe fore-seide sir Ric*hard* [his] heiris or assinis to deliu*er* þe distres bi hem or bi her̃ minst*ers*, or bi þe king*es* baillef or bi oni minstr*es* take or to make rescu w*ith* þreteninge, or her̃ successours lette in distreininge so to be take, þ*a*t þen hit sholde be lefull̃ to hem and to her̃ successours for to take a bref of 'new disseiseninge & of redisseiseninge' a-geinist þe seide sir*e* Ric*hard* [his] heiris & assinis, if hit were nede: & þe seide dame margeri & couent of þe same place & her̃ successours waranti*ȝ*id̃ acquitid̃ & defendid̃ to þe seid̃ sir*e* Ric*hard* his heiris & assinis þe fore-seide londe [&] mese w*ith* his p*er*tinenc*es* (except þe

Quit-rent, 8s. yearly,

* leaf XXXVII or 47, back. and a casualty of 50s. for 'heriot and relief.'

crofte bi bacchemede & þe mese in þe whiche þe seide Iohn alwi dwellid'), a-geiniste all pepull, for þe fore-seide seruice for euir. In-to witnes þ*er*of þei put to her seelis, eu*er*iche ageniste o*þer*. 4 The date at Godestowe, þe fredai in estur woke, þe xj. yer*e* of þe reine of kinge Edward' þe sone of kinge Edwarde.

[455.] Indenture bitwene Margeri Dine abbas of Godestowe & Gefrei archer of fencote for l. s*hillings*. 133⅘, Jan. 18.

Bargain with Godstow, made by Jeffrey Archer,

THE sentence of þis euidence is, þ*a*t a couenant was made bitwene dame Margeri dine, bi þe grace of god' abbas of Gode- 8 stowe, & þe couent of þe same place, of þe on p*ar*te, & Gefrei archer of fencote of þe o*þer* p*ar*te, þ*a*t is to sei, þ*a*t where Ric*hard* la ber*e* bounde him-selfe & his heiris & all his tenement*es* in fencote, to who-soeu*er*is hondis þei come, to þe painge 12 of l. s*hillings* to þe fore-seide abbas & couent, to be paid' al so ofte as þe fore-seide tenement*es* þ*a*t bin holde of þe fore-seide abbas & couent bin voide in þe same towne aftur þe decese of oni tenaunte, þe whiche bin dewe to þe fore-seide abbas & couent in 16 þe forme a-fore-seide aftur þe dethe of þe fore-seide Ric*hard* ber*e*, yet bi-hinde: at þe laste hit was a-cordid' bitwene þe fore-seide abbas & Gefrei þ*a*t þe fore-seide Gefrei grauntid' for him- 20 haue & take vj. s*hillings* of silu*er* yerli bi vj. yer*e* next folowinge aftur þe dai of þe makinge of þis p*re*sent writi*n*ge of Thomas tailour, tenant of þe same Gefrei, in-to paiment of þe l. s*hillings* a-fore-seide, & if þe fore-seide abbas & couent miht take þe fore- 24 seide rent of vj. s*hillings* pesibli, & w*ith*-oute oni trowblinge, & holli, of þe foreseide thomas þorowe þe fore-seide t*er*me, þen afturwarde þe fore-seide Geffrei sholde be quite of þe fore- 28 witnes of þis þe p*ar*tes put her seelis to þis p*re*sent writinge, eu*er*ich a-geiniste o*þer*; þe date at fencote, þe wodinisdai next aftur þe vtas of the xij. dai, the viij. yer*e* of kinge Edwarde þe iij. aftur þe conqueste.

to pay 36*s*. by six instalments,

in lieu of the casualty fixed in no. 454. [Octave of Epiphany = Jan. 15.]

[NOTE.—At the dissolution, 1540, the Fencot property (*Monast.* iv. 373) yielded by year to Godstow, from copyholds £1 1*s*. 2*d*., and from freeholds, 16*s*. 2*d*., out of which Godstow paid 5*s*. quit-rent to Abingdon Abbey and a fee of 3*s*. 4*d*. to Abingdon Abbey bailiff.]

[Garsington.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291, this Garsington property is joined with the Godstow properties at Shillingford and Cowley, as in Cuddesdon rural deanery, and the whole are said to be worth £5 1*s.* yearly, not including 16*s.* 4*d.* of tithe. At the dissolution, 1540, the Garsington property was let out (*Monast.* iv. 373) for £2 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly.]

* leaf XLII or 52, back. About 1170.

[456.] * Chart*ur* of henri tubnei I-made to Gefrei fit3 durande & to molde his wife for iij. yerde londe & j. halfe in Garsindon, w*ith* In-londe, wode, & mede.

Confirmation to Jeffrey son of Durand, by Henry of Tubney, of 3½ yardlands. Quit-rent, 6*s.* 8*d.*

* leaf XLIII or 53. [Bezant of gold.]

[Relief.]

The sentence of þis chartur is, þ*a*t henri fit3 Iohn of Tubnei grauntid' & confirmid' to Gefrei fit3 durande & to molde his wife þo iij. yerd*es* of londe & j. halfe in Garsindon, w*ith* In-londe, woode, & mede þ*a*t longen to þe same yerdis, þe whiche Osmu*n*de his vncle solde to hem, bi con*se*nt & assent of Iohn his fadur, in fee & heritage to him & to his heiris, to holde of him & of his heiris, for j. halfe marke of silu*er* yerli to be paid' þer-of for all seruic*es*, excepte shire & hundredis; & Gefrei bi-come his *man þerebi: & for þis graunt & confirmacion he gafe to him j. halfe marke of siluir of recognicion: & if hit hapnid' þ*a*t relef sholde be gife þ*er*-of, þei sholde not gife but j. besaunde of golde for relefe: & he waranti3id' þ*a*t londe to him for his powe*r*e ageiniste all men: he also trowthe-pliht in his honde þis graunt to be holde w*ith*-oute oni euil Imagininge, And þ*a*t he sholde not seke no crafte ne witte bi þe which he or his heiris sholde lese þ*er*of or be I-vexid' or trowblid': & is w*ith*-oute date.

About 1190.

[457.] Anoþ*er* chartur of petur fit3 Geffrei of a fre gifte of his londe in Garsindo*n*.

Grant to Alice Kepeharm, by Peter son of Jeffrey, of no. 456.

The sentence of þis chartur is, þ*a*t petur fit3 Gefrei gafe & grauntid' to alice[1], þe dowhtur of Iohn kepeha[r]m, in fre gifte, all his londe þ*a*t he had' in Garsindon withe all his p*er*tynenc*es*: & is withe-oute date.

[1] Possibly as dower on his marrying her: see next deed, and cp. no. 650.

[458.] Chartur of petur fitz Gefrei for þe londe of Garsindon.

About 1210.

Grant to Godstow, by Peter son of Jeffrey and his wife,

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*a*t petur fitz Gefrei of Oxenford & alis his wife, bi þe consent of henr*e* his heir*e*, for þe loue of god & for þe helþe of the sowlis of his fadurs & modurs & for
4 þe helþe of her owne sowlis & of all her p*r*edecessours, gaf, grauntid, & confirmid, to god & to þe churche of owre ladi & of seint Ioh*n* of baptiste & to þe minchons þer seruinge god, in-to pure & p*er*petuel almis, all þ*a*t londe þ*a*t maist*ur* raph[1] auctoriste
8 helde of hem in fee, of þe whiche he is I-holde to pai yerli viij. s*hillings* iiij. d lasse[2] at too t*er*mis, þ*a*t is to sei, at our ladi dai in marche j. halfe, & at mihelmas þe oþ*er* halfe, & [3] quart*er* of þe lorshipe, of[4] þe fore-seide londe nihe towarde þe northe, in
12 lengeþe & in brede euin[5] as þei helde hit, to be holde & to be had, welle & pesibli, worshipfulli freli & quietli fro all seculer custome & exaccion: & þe fore-seide petur & alis his wife & his heiris warantisid to þe fore-seide minchons þe fore seide londe
16 a-geiniste all men & women: & þ*a*t his gifte & graunt sholde be sur*e* & stronge, he confirmid hit bi þe puttinge to of his seele: & is w*ith*-oute date.

of no. 457.

[459.] Chartur of Nicholas botler for the londe of Garsindon.

About 1210.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Nicholas butler, as overlord, of the grant in no. 458.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*a*t Nicholas botelar grauntid,
20 & co*n*firmid w*ith* his writinge, to þe abbas & couent of Godestowe, all his riht þ*a*t he had or miht haue in þ*a*t londe þ*a*t petur fitz Gefrei of Oxenford helde of him in Garsindon for halfe j. marke yerli to be paid, þe whiche londe þe same petur gafe to
24 þe abbas of Godestowe, to be had & to be holde of him & of his heiris, freli & quietli & pesibli, w*ith* all his p*er*tinenc*es* in þe towne & w*ith*-oute, w*ith*-oute oni withholdinge for euir, painge yerli to him & to his heiris vij. s*hillings*[6] at Mihelmas for all
28 seruice, custom, & exaccion; so þ*a*t, if þe seide abbas & coue*n*t

Quit-rent 7*s*. to the overlord.

[1] Latin: 'magister Rudulphus auctorista.'

[2] i. e. 7*s*. 8*d*. The Latin is: 'octo solidos quattuor denariis minus.'

[3] Read 'and a quarry.' Latin: 'et unam lapideam dominii, praedicte terre proximam versus aquilonem.'

[4] Read 'next to the fore-said land towards the north.'

[5] Latin is: 'in longitudine et latitudine sicut eas unquam tenuimus,' 'eas' = terram et lapideam, the land and the quarry.

[6] ? if for 7*s*. 8*d*., as in no. 458.

of Godestowe cesid' in þe paiment of þe seide rente at þe fore-seide *ter*me, hit sholde be lawfull to him or to his heiris to distreine all þe fore-seide londe til þei had' paide þe fore-seide vij. s*hillings*: & he & his heiris warantiȝid' þe seid' londe w*ith* all 4 his p*er*tinenc*es*, to þe fore-seide abbas & couent of Godestowe, a-geiniste all men & women for euir: & to witnes of þis he put to his seele: & is w*ith*-oute date.

* leaf XLIII or 53. 1296, Aug. 6.

[460.] *A composicion bitwene þe abbas of Godestowe & Iohn of welle for iij. pounde & xij. s*hillings* bi-hinde of his rente.

* leaf XLIII or 53, back. Agreement between Godstow, and John of Welle,

THE sentence of þis composicion is, þ*a*t Iohn of welle know- 8 lichid' him-self * to be holde to dame alice Gorgis, Abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place, in lxxij. s*hillings* of sterling*es* of goode & lauful monei, þe whiche was bi-hinde of his rente of þe tenement in Garsindon, þe whiche tenement 12 he claimid' to holde of þe fore-seide abbas & couent in þe seide towne of Garsindon. He grauntid' þe same monei, to be paid' Also to þe same abbas & coue*n*t, at þe t*er*mis vndur write, truli & w*ith*-oute gile, lesseninge or lette, at Godestowe: þ*a*t is 16 to sei, þe sone-dai next aftur þe Natiuite of oure ladi, xxiiij. yere of þe reine of kinge Edwarde þe sone of kinge henri, xx. s*hillings*; & þe feste of seinte Thomas þe apostle þen next folowinge, xx. s*hillings*; & at hockedai nexte folowinge, xx. s*hillings*; 20 & at þe natiuite of seinte Iohn baptiste next folowinge xij. s*hillings*. And to more sewerte of þis þinge to be kepte, at the fore-seid' t*er*mis, feiþefulli And w*ith*-oute gile, he bounde him-selfe & his godis londis & his tenementis meueable & vnmeueable 24 where-so-euir þei were I-founde, to þe distreininge & constreininge of þe kingis stiward' & marchall þ*a*t bin for þe time, þ*a*t þei miht distreine fro dai in-to dai bi his bodi & londis & tenem*en*t*es* & goodis where-so-euir þey were I-founde til þ*a*t 28 hit were satisfied' fulli to þe abbas & couent of þe fore-seide lxxij. s*hillings* & of þe harmis & expensis if þ*er* fille ony bi þe occasion of þe paiment I-taried' a-backe: & furþ*er*more he founde to þe same abbas & couent borows, þ*a*t is to sei, hugh 32 chinche[1] of Garsindon, Thomas Smithe of yeftelei, hugh thorn-

as to payment, by instalments, of £3 12s. arrears of rent,

with provisions for distraint,

and sureties. [Iffley.]

[1] Chu*n*ch,' on next sheet.

barn of þe same, þe whiche bounde hem-selfe p*r*inspall̃ dett*ur*s & euirich of hem in þe hoole, & to distreininge & constreininge of þe fore-seide stiwarde & marchall̃, as þe fore-seide Iohn
4 of welle was I-bounde. In-to witnes of þis, he put to þis p*re*sent writinge his seele, to-gedur w*ith* þe seelis of his borowis. The date at Godestowe, þe sonedai next aftur lambemas dai, xxiiij. yere of þe reine of kinge Edwarde þe sone of kinge henr*e*. [Lammas = Aug. 1.]

[461.] A-noþ*er* composicion bitwene þe abbas of Godestowe & Iohn of þe welle for iiij. ł. of areragis. 1298, June 18.

8 THE sentence of þis composicion is, þ*a*t Iohn of þe welle was I-bounde to þe ladi abbas of Godestowe & to þe couent of þe same place in iiij. ł. of sterlingis of þe areragis of þe rentis of xl. s*hillings*, in þe whiche (to be paid̃ to þe same)
12 he was bounde to hem, or to her certeine attorney, for to pai þe fore-seide iiij. ł. in her̃ howse of Godestowe in þe t*er*mis vnd*ur*-write: þ*a*t is to sei, at seint Thomas feste þe apostle, xxvij. yere of the reine of kinge Edwarde, x. s*hillings*; & at
16 þe natiuitie of seint Iohn baptiste þen folowinge, x. s*hillings*; & so, fro yere in-to yere, xx. s*hillings*, at þe fore-seide termis, til þ*a*t hit be satisfied̃ to þe fore-seide abbas & couent of þe fore-seid̃ iiij. ł.; Also w*ith* þe yerli rente of xl. s*hillings* to hem,
20 to be paid̃ in her foreseid̃ t*er*mis. To whiche paiment of þe fore-seide iiij. ł., to be do in her fore-seide same t*er*mis truli & w*ith*-oute gile, he bounde him-selfe, his heiris, & execut*ur*is, & all̃ his goodis meuable & vn-meuable in eu*er*i place wher̃ þ*a*t
24 þei bin founde, oþ*er* in his howse or close, or oute of hem, to þe constreininge & distreininge of þe bailifs of þe forseide abbas, & also to distrei*ninge of þe sute[1] of Oxenforde þ*a*t sholde be for þ*a*t time, þ*a*t he sholde haue power̃ to dist*r*eine hem in all̃ þe man*er*s
28 a-fore-seide & holde or reteine þe distreininge, if þei failid̃ in þe painge of þe fore-seide iiij. ł. of silu*er*, or of part of þe same, in þe fore-seide t*er*mis (þ*a*t god forbede), til þ*a*t he were I-satisfiede of þe fore-seide monei be-hinde beinge of the fore-seide t*er*mis.
32 Also w*ith* þe harmis, if þe fore-seide abbas & couent suffrid̃ oni bi the occasion of þe paiment I-taried̃ a-backe. Also for eu*er*i distreininge, bi þe shei eue a-fore-seide I-made vppon him resonabli (bi þe occasion a-fore-seide) or also bi[2] his heir*es*, he bounde

Agreement between Godstow, and John of Welle, as to payment by instalments, of £4, arrears of rent, with provisions for distraint,

* leaf XLIIII or 54.

[1] In error for 'sheriff.' [2] In error for 'vppon.'

him-selfe to be bounde to þe same shereue þat sholde be for þe time in on halfe marke of siluer to be paide to him, Al so ofte as hit happinþe: & to more surenes, to þe same abbas & couent, of þe fore-seide iiij. ij. in her termis, as hit is seide be-fore, with 4 þe harmis if þe foreseide abbas suffred oni, he founde hugh chunch borowe for þe same summe a-fore-seide to be do to be paide, þe whiche bounde him-selfe also, in all þe maners a-fore-seide, bi þe which Iohn at welle bounde him-silfe a-boue, 8 principall dettur to be distreinid. In-to witnes of þe whiche thinge, he put to his seel to this present writinge, to-gedur with the seel of þe fore-seide hugh his borowe. The date at Godestowe, þe wodinsdai next a-fore midsomer, þe xxvj. yere of 12 þe reine of kinge Edwarde.

and a surety.

[Hampton Gay: see p. 214.]

*leaf XI or 23, back. About 1220.

[462.] * The chartur of Gefrey brocher of j. forer of londe in the felde of hampton Gay.

Sale to Godstow, * leaf XII or 24. by Jeffrey Brocher, of a headland.

THE sentence of thys chartur is that Gefrey brocher of blechesdon gaf, grauntyd, & * confirmyd with hys wrytynge, to the Abbas & Couent of Godestowe, j. forer of lond in þe[1] 16 felde of hampton Gay, that is to sey, that londe the whyche lieth by-twene þe Abbas londe of Godestowe & the londe that was of Robert brocher nyhe wormewell, to be had & to be holde to the seyde abbasse & couent & to her successours, of hym & of 20 hys heyrys or assynys, in-to pur & perpetual almys, for hys soule & þe soulys of hys aunceturs, frely & quietly, pesybly & holly, fro all seculer seruice, exaccion, & demaunde, & sute of courte: & the foreseyd Gefrey & hys heyrys warantiziid 24 aquityd & defendyd for euyr all the fore-seyd londe, with all hys pertynences a-fore-seyde, to þe abbas & couent & to here successours, as hyt is sayde be-fore, a-gaynyst all men & women. In-to wytnys of that, he put to thys present wrytynge hys seele. 28

* leaf IX or 21. About 1220. Sale to Godstow,

[463.] * A confirmacion of Robert Gay of half a yerd lond in Gaythampton.

THE sentence of thys confirmacion is, that Robert Gay, with the assent & consent of Mold hys wyfe & phylyp hys eyre, yaf,

[1] MS. has 'in þe in the.'

Grauntyd', & confirmyd' *with* wrytynge, to god & to the churche of seynt Iohn baptyst of Godestowe * & to the mynchons there seruinge god', j. halfe hyde of londe in Gaith*a*mpton, conteynynge xxv. acris of londe in on feelde, & al so many in an-othyr feelde, *with* all hys *per*tinence*s* & liberteis, in medewys & pasturis, in weys & pathys, in goyng*es*-out & communitees [1], in-to pure & *per*petual almys, fre & quietely fro all exaccion and seculer seruice longynge to hym or to hys heyrys, sauynge the seruice to the kynge, that is to sey, the halfe hyde of londe the whyche he dischargyd' a-geynst Reynold' hys cosyn. He grauntyd' also to the seyd mynchons thre acris of medewe longynge to the same londe, lyinge by-twene the medew of the chanons of Oseney & the medew of henry brocher, euyryche of the wyche acris conteynyth foure perchys in brede. Furthermore, he yaf to the seyd' mynchons the fowrth medew [2] lyinge to echynge [3] by-twene the mede of the churche & þe mede of henry brocher. Thys forenamyd londe & mede, *with* her *per*tinence*s*, þe fore-seyd' Robert gay & hys heyrys warantiȝyd' to the foreseyd' mynchons a-gaynst all men: & in case that they myht not warantiȝe hyt, they grauntyd' to gyfe to hem a chaunge to the valewe of the londe in all thyngys in the same towne. For hys confirmacion & warantiȝynge, the fore-seyd' mynchons gaf to hym of charite of her howse xv. marke of syluyr, & to M*old* hys wyfe j. besau*n*te, & to phylyp [4] hys heyre xij. d' to by hym sporys: & is *with*-out date.

by Robert Gay (or Gayt), * leaf IX or 21, back. of a half-hide [here 50 acres arable, and not as usual 60], distributed in two fields, with its appendant pasture-rights, and 3 acres of meadow, and of a fourth meadow 'to echyng.' Purchase-money, to husband, £10: compliments, to wife, 2*s.*; to heir, 1*s.*

[464.] A-noþ*er* chartur of þe same Robert Gay þe whych he made to the my*n*chons of Godestowe.

About 1220.

The sentence of thys chartur is that he, *with* consent of Mold' hys wyfe & of all hys heyrys, gafe & confirmyd' by hys wrytynge, for þe helthe of hys soule & of hys wyfe & of hys chyldryn & aunceturs & successours, to god & to oure lady & to seynt Iohn baptist & to the mynchons of Godstowe there seruinge god', homage & seruice of william brocher, that is to sey, of halfe a yerd' of londe *with* hys *per*tynence*s* in Gaith*a*mpton, *with* the hole rent that he owyd' to hym, that is to sey, ij. *shillings*

Sale to Godstow, by Robert Gay (or Gayt), of the manorial dues from, and rights over, a half-yardland,

[1] In the Latin it is: 'in exitibus et communitatibus.'

[2] 'Shepestur in hampton gay,' in margin.

[3] In the Latin it is: 'quartam acram prati ad augmentum iacentem.'

[4] In 1223 Robert Gay conveyed the whole manor to Oseney, and he and this son Philip received a liberal corrody.

ij. d., & *with* othyr seruices & costoms that he owyd' for to do to hym, *with*-out ony a-geyne-holdynge. All the forseyd' thyng*es* & dewteys, to be had' & hold', in pure & p*er*petuel almys, freely & in rest fro all seculer seruices, & as frely as ony almys may be gyfe. Furthermore hyt is to be knowe that the seyd Rob*er*t le Gayt & hys heyrys byn bounden to warantiȝe the yeft of the rent & seruice a-foreseyd: and, for thys warantiȝynge & confirmacion of hys seele, the foreseyde mynchons of Godestowe yaf to hym [of] the charite of her hows xl. s*hillings* for to ageyn-bye hys herytage toward' Robert le poure. Furthermore, yf the foreseyd' mynchons mowe gete the forseyd' halfe yerd'-londe in ony maner wyse to be hold' in-to her owne vse of the fore-namyd' william broch*er*, the foreseyd' Robert Gait yaf the fore-seyd' mynchons that foreseyd' half yerdlonde for euyr, so frely & restfully, & to hold' w*ith* all libertees as he grauntyd' w*ith* the ȝyft of the rent, that is to sey, of ij. s*hillings* ij. d. before-wryte: & is w*ith*-out date.

with leave to purchase it.

[IDBURY: see Bould.]

[KELMSCOTT: see in no. 472.]

[OVER KIDDINGTON.]

[NOTE.—Godstow land in this parish went with the Cassington property: see p. 240.]

* leaf XIIII or 26. 1316, April 5. Grant by John Pouchard, to Robert of Bladington, of a messuage and land.

[465.] *The Chartur of Iohn[1] poucharde of Ouercudynton.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is that Iohn pouchard' of Ou*er*cudynton gafe, *gra*untyd', & confermyd by his wrytynge, to syr Robert of bladyngton, p*er*son of neþ*er*cudy*n*geton, all hys mese, to-gedur w*ith* hys lond*es* & tenauntryes & her' p*er*tinenc*es* on eu*er*y syde, þat & þe whyche he had in afturlegeth[2] & Ou*er*cudyngeton, w*ith*-out ony w*ith*holdynge a-geyne of him or of hys heyrys, to be had & to be holde to þe same Robert & to hys heyrys & to hys assynys, all the fore-seyde mese, to-gedur

[1] 'Carta Willelmi' in the Latin in title, but 'Iohannes' in text.
[2] 'Asterleghe' in the Latin: referred to in note on p. 209.

w*ith* all londys & tenauntryes a-fore-seyde & the p*er*tinenc*es* of eu*er*y part, of þe chefe lorde of þe fee, for þe seruice þ*er*-of dew and wonyd : & þe foresey[d] Iohn warantized & defendyd to þe
4 seyd R. all tho thyng*es* a-fore-namyd, a-geynyst all men & wemen for eu*er* : thys, I-gyfe at Ou*er*cudyngton, the moneday next aftur palme sonneday, þe yere of kynge Edwarde, sone of kynge Edwarde, þe ix.

[Langford.]

[Note.—The parish of Langford is of exceptional interest. It is now reckoned as being in the county of Oxford, but part of it was formerly reckoned as being in Berkshire. It represents, therefore, the debateable land where the two kingdoms of Wessex and Mercia pushed each other backwards and forwards, and the land sometimes was in the Wessex see of Salisbury, at other times in the Mercian see of Lincoln. In *Monast.* vi. 1276 is printed a charter of Henry II conferring on Lincoln Minster 'the church of Langeford and all the land which Roger, bishop of Sarum (died 1139, Dec. 4), held in that vill,' on the petition of Robert (de Chesney), bishop of Lincoln (1147–68). Two prebends, 'Langford ecclesia' and 'Langford manor,' were endowed from this source. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners are now the lay impropriators of the parish.

The three earliest of the following deeds belong to the time of that endowment. Unfortunately the record is incomplete, by the excision of the second leaf of this section, a loss which is not made good by the still more mutilated Exchequer MS.

It appears that bishop Robert, before conveying the estate to Lincoln Minster, took out a messuage and half a hide of land which he granted, at 12*d.* yearly quit-rent, to one of his serfs, Jeffrey son of Fowke, and which he had formerly granted to Jeffrey's brother, Robert (probably since deceased). At a later period we find these lands placed under feoffees, as though to found a chantry, but the documents are not brought to a definite conclusion.

I have inquired at Langford and found no tradition of Godstow having owned lands there, but a conjecture is hazarded that the chantry may have been connected with a chapel at the celebrated Radcott bridge[1] in Langford.]

[466.] *A ratificacion of the Chapit*er* of our lady of lyncolne of the forsaid[2] yifte, yoven by the Bisshopp*e* as is aforesaid. * leaf 205. About 1150.

8 The sentence herof is, vnto the worshipfull lord and fadir, Rob*er*t, by the grace of god Bisshop of lyncolne, the Chapit*er* of our lady of lyncolne sendith gretyng and reu*er*ence, Rightfully Confirmation by the dean and chapter of

[1] Battle of Radcott bridge, Dec. 20, 1387.

[2] Not of the grant in no. 467 (which precedes this in the MS.), but of an earlier one, not here given.

Lincoln, of bishop Robert de Chesney's grant to Robert son of Fowke, * leaf 205, back. of a messuage and a half-hide of land, and other land and meadow and pasture, subject to a yearly quit-rent of 12*d.* to Lincoln Minster.

hit is in all thynge*s*, that, after dew forme of wisedome requyreth, they folowyng theire hede and grauntyng assent, about the lond which he yaf and g*r*aunted to Rob*er*t the sone of Fowke his man in Langford before that he putte hit in 4 p*re*bende, they also grauntyng and havyng ferme, * and this p*re*sent writyng confermyng, after the tenoure of his chart*er* berith witnesse, that is for to sey, half an hide of lond, and a dwellyng place with his p*er*tynentis, and xx. acres of in-land, 8 viij. acres of mede, and co*m*mune pasture: To be hold, in right heritage frely and quyetly, of the chirch of our lady of lyncolne, yeldyng yerely for all man*er* of seruyces, bothe of yiftes and helpes and relefis and all othe*r* thyngis, xij. d at Estir of the 12 most used money in the towne of Langeford vnto the workes of the forsaid chirche, with-out[1] any subieccion as any of that same hold ought, sauf only the forsaide xij. d vnto the workes of the forsaid chirch yerely. They willed that bothe he and his heires, 16 the forsaid lond, wele and worshipfully, quyetly, as hit is abouesaid, shall holde. Witnesse, Adam the deane, Roger the p*re*sedent[2], Raaf Chanon, Iordane Tresorer*e*, Rob*er*t Lyncolne, william Norhampton, Henry Huntendon, william the son*e* of 20 Osbert, william london Archidekon, Humfrey Subdekon, Maist*er* Alexandre, Gillebert, Wyger*e*, Gaufride Capell*anus*, Nicholas Chanon, william of Banbury, William the son*e* of Godefride, Raaf of Monemunt, Maist*er* hamond, Maist*er* Raaf 24 Cadom*er*, Rob*er*t Constable, Alexandre Maleber, william the son*e* of Fowke.

Adelm, dean (1145); Roger de Derby, precentor (1148).

* leaf 205. About 1152.

[467.] *A yifte and graunte of Rob*er*t, Bisshop of lyncolne, I-sent to the deane and Chapit*er* of the chirch of lyncolne, yevyng and grauntyng to Geffrey the son*e* of Fowke his man and to his heires, in langford, half an hide of lond and a dwellyng place, with his p*er*tynentis, and also xx. acres of in-lond and v. acres of firses and viij. acris mede and pasture in the pasture of the lordship.

Grant to Jeffrey son of Fowke,

THE sentence herof is, that Rob*er*t, Bisshop of lyncolne, to the dean and Chapit*er* of lyncolne chirch Sent gretyng. Be 28

[1] i. e. free from the burdens incumbent on other tenants of this manor.
[2] Read 'precentor.'

hit knowen to hem that ben *pre*sent and shall be in tyme comyng, that to Geffrey the son*e* of Fowke, his man, he yaf and graunted in Langford half an hide of lond, and a dwellyng place 4 with the p*er*tynentis, and xx. acres of in-lande, and v. acres of firses, and viij. acris of mede, and pasture in the pasture of the lordship: To hold hit, in right heritage, frely and quyetly, of the chirch of our lady of lyncolne, yeldyng eu*er*y yere, for all 8 maner seruyces, bothe of yiftes, of helpes, and of Relefis, and of all maner other thyngis, xij. d. at Estir*e* vnto the workes of the chirch of lyncolne. He willed also and streightly comaunded that all the abouesaid, wele and in pease and worshipfully, and 12 w*ith*out any trouble, that the forsaid Geffrey and his heires holde, w*ith*out any subiecciou as ony of that holde ought, saue only the forsaid rent of xij. d which he assigned to the workis yerely of the chirch of lyncolne. This yifte of hym I-made 16 stedfastly he had, and, with his seale impressed, confermed: witnesse: hugh Barred, archidekon of Legre*n*[1]; Richard, archidekon, of Belm*eis*; Rob*er*t, archidekon of Oxenford; Raaf Codem*er*, Hamond of Strafford, william of Cheisn*ei*, william 20 Basset, Richard of Stoches, Roger the son*e* of hamond, humfrey Pinc*er*, Roger de Maren*er*, Geffrey his cosyn*e*, humfrey Benet, prest, and laurence.

by Robert de Chesney, bishop of Lincoln (1147–1166), of the lands described in no. 466.

[Robert Foliot succeeded Walter of Wallingford in the archdeaconry of Oxford, latter end of 1151.]

[468.] *A confirmacion of the Chapit*er* of our*e* lady of lyncolne confermyng and strengthyng the yifte of the forsaid Bisshopp*e*.

* leaf 205, back. About 1152.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is: to the worshipfull 24 lord and fadir, Rob*er*t, by the grace of god of Lyncolne bisshop, the Chapit*er* of our Lady of Lyncolne Sendith gretyng with dew reu*er*ence: Rightfully hit is and that in all thyngis after right forme fro yow to haue assent: wherfor as to vs so deuoute 28 a fadir*e* with high reu*er*ences obtemp*er*ed, we, grauntyng and in stedfastnesse havyng, and our forseid *pre*sent writyng of witnesse, conferme and strengthe the yifte which we[2] have I-made to Geffrey the son*e* of Fowke your man in Langford 32 of the lond which ye yaf first to his brother*e*, before that the which ye had in the same towne (that is for to sey, in Langford)

Confirmation by the dean and chapter of Lincoln, of the grant in no. 467.

[1] Leicester: see no. 243.

[2] Read 'ye.'

ye putte hit in prebende, after that which youre charter berith witnesse, the forsaid yifte, that is to sey, half an hide of lond and of a dwellyng place with his pertynentis, and beside that xx. acres of 4

[A leaf is missing.]

1421, Aug. 12.

[469. Grant by Robert Kene, and John Codeman, of a messuage and plough-land in Langford.]

* leaf 206.

Grant to Thomas and Alice Cockerell, by feoffees, of 'Cockerell's' messuage.

*THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert kene, Clerk, and Iohn Codeman, Chapeleyne, yaf, graunted, and by ther present charter confermed, to Thomas Cokerell and to Alice his wyf, a mese and a plough-lond with all his pertynentis in Long- 8 ford, called Cokerelles: To haue and to hold, to the forsaid Thomas and Alice and to the heires and assignes of the same Thomas for evermore, by seruyces and rente therof first dew and accustomed. And the forsaid Robert and Iohn, the forsaid 12 mese and a plough-lond with all his pertynentis, in the fourme aboueseid, ayenst al maner of peple shall warantize acquyte and defende. In witnesse of the which thyng, to this present charter they sette to ther seales. These beyng witnesse: Iohn Shotes- 16 broke, William Fynderne, Thomas Pynchepole, squyers, Thomas atte Wyke, Iohn Deneby, and other. The date at Longford, the xij. day of August, The yere of the reigne of kyng henry the v. after the conquest the ixth. 20

1448, Oct. 13.

[470.] A Charter of William Bonde and of Margarete his wyf confermyng to William Lord Lovell, knyght, Edmond Hampden, Squyer, Edward Langford, Squyer, Iohn Rogers, Squyer, Iohn Nowers, Squyer, Richard Harecourt, Squyer, and Thomas Lewys, for a mese and ij. plough-land and xx. acres of mede with the pertynentis in langford.

Grant to William, seventh baron Lovel, and to other feoffees, by William Bonde,

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Bonde and Margarete his wyf yaf, graunted, and by ther present charter confermed, to William Lord Lovell, knyght, Edmond Hampden, Squyer, Edward Langford, Squyer, Iohn Rogers, Squyer, Iohn 24 Nowers, Squyere, Richard Harecourt, Squyer, and Thomas lewys, a Mese, ij. plough-lond, and xx. acris mede, with the

pertynentis, in Langford in the Counte of Berkshire: To haue and to hold, the forsaid mese and ij. ploughlond and xx. acres of mede, with the pertynentis, to the forsaid william lord lovell, 4 Edmond, Edward, Iohn Rogers, Iohn Nowers, Richard and Thomas, and to the heires and assignes of the same Richard, Of the chief lordes of that fee by seruyces therof dewe and of right accustomed. And the forsaid William and Margerye, and 8 ther heires, to the forsaid william lord lovell, Edmond, Edward, Iohn Rogers, Iohn Nowers, Richard and Thomas and to the heires and assignes of the same Richard, the forsaid Mese and ij. plough-lond and xx. acris of mede, with the pertynentis, 12 ayenst all peple they warantized and defended for euer. In witnesse of the which thynge they putte to there seales. These beyng witnesse: Richard * Hulcote, Squyere, Thomas Pynchepole, Squyere, Iohn Godefelawe, Squyere, Henry Fermoure, 16 Henry Marchall of Langeford aforsaid, and many othere. The date at Langeford abouesaid, the xiij. day of the moneth of Octobre, The yere of the reigne of kyng henry the Sixte after the conquest of Englond the xxvij^ti.

of a messuage, lands, and meadow (including Cockerell's: see in no. 469).

* leaf 206, back.

[471.] A fynall accorde I-made bytwene Richard harecourte and william Bonde and Margarete his wyf, & *cetera*.

1459, April.

20 THIS is the fynall accorde I-made, in the kyngis courte at westmynstre, fro the day of Estir into a moneth, The yere of the reigne of henry kyng of Englond and of Fraunce the Sixte fro the conquest the xxxvij^ti, afore Iohn Prysot, Nicholas Ayssheton, 24 Piers Arderne, Robert Danvers, Robert Danby, Walter Moylle, and Iohn Nedeham, Iustices, and other trew men of the kyngis ther beyng present, bitwene Richard Harecourte, playnyng, and william Bonde and Margarete his wyf, deforsyng, of a mese, 28 and two hundred acris of lond, and xxx. acres of mede, with the pertynentis, in Langford, wherof a ple was I-take bitwene hem in the same Courte. That is to sey, that the forsaid william and Margarete made a knowlech and recognycion that the 32 forseid mese with the pertynentis to be the right of the same Richard as that that the same Richard had of the yifte of the forsaid william and Margarete, And that relessed and quyte-

Quit-claim to Sir Richard Harcourt, by William Bonde,

of a messuage, 200 acres arable, and 30 acres meadow.

claymed', of the forsaid' william and Margarete and of the heires of the same Margarete, to the forsaid' Richard' and to his heires for ever. And more-over the same william and margarete graunted', for theyme and for the heires of the same Margarete, 4 that they warantized' to the forsaid' Richard' and to his heires the forsaid' tenement with the pertynentis ayenst all maner of men for ever. And for this knowlech and recognycion, relese, quyteclayme, warantize, fyne and concorde, the same Richard' 8 yaf to the forsaid' william and Margarete xl. marke in siluer.

Purchase-money, £26 13s. 4d.

1467, Oct. 4.

[472.] A Charter of Richard' Harecourte knyght and Thomas Lewys grauntyng and confermyng to Iohn Botellere doctour of bothe lawes, Iohn Redyng, bachelere of Theologie, Thomas Estyngton, clerke, Iohn Crofton, and to Alexandre Martyne, a dwellyng place with a plough-lond' and all his pertynentis in Langford', & *cetera*.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard' Harecourte, knyght, and Thomas Lewys, yaf, graunted', and by ther present charter confermed', * to Iohn Botillere, Doctour of bothe lawes, 12 Iohn Redyng, Bacheler of Theologie, Thomas Estyngton, Clerk, Iohn Crofton, and Alexandre Martyne, a dwellyng place (or a mese) with a plough-lond', with all his pertynentis, in Langford', in the Counte of Oxenford' and in Berkshire, called' Cokerellis, 16 which late (with other now dede) they had' of the yifte and feffement of william Bonde and Margarete his wyf, which forsaid' Margarete afterward' by a fyne arrered' in the kyngis Courte at westmynstre, The yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the Sixte 20 the xxxvij^ti^, to the forsaid' Richard' and to his heires relesed': Also they yaf and graunted' to the forsaid' Iohn Botillere, Iohn Redyng, Thomas Estyngton, Iohn Crofton, and Alexandre Martyne, all the londes, tenementes, medys, lesues, pastures, 24 rentes, and seruyces, with all ther pertynentis, which they had' in kelmescote in the Counte aforsaid', And which also they had' late of the yifte and feffement of the forsaid' Margarete Bonde, in her pure wedowhode: To haue and to hold' all the forsaid' dwell- 28 yng place (or mese) [with a] ploughlonde in Langford' aforsaid', with ther pertynentis, And all the forsaid' londes and tenementis

* leaf 207.

Grant to John Botillere, LL.D., and other feoffees, by Sir Richard Harcourt and co-feoffee, of Cockerell's (no. 469),

and of other lands lying partly in Kelmscott, Oxon.

medis lesues pastures rentis and seruyces with all his pertynentis, in kelmescote aboveseid, to the forsaid Iohn Botelere, Iohn Redyng, Thomas Estyngton, Iohn Crofton, and Alexandre
4 Martyne, and to there heires and there assignes for ever, Of the chief lordes of tho fees by seruyces therof dewe and accustomed. And the forsaid Richard Harecourt and his heires the forsaid dwellyng place (or mese) [with a] plough lond, with all his per-
8 tynentis, and all the forsaid londes and tenementis medys lesues pastures rentis and seruyces, with all ther pertynentis aboveseid, to the forsaid Iohn Botillere, Iohn Redyng, Thomas Estyngton, Iohn Crofton and Alexandre Martyne, to there heires and to there
12 assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shall warantize, and defende for euer. In witnesse of the which thynge, to this present charter they putte to there seales, These beyng witnesse: Thomas Chaundelere, Commyssary of the vnyuersite of Oxenford, Iohn
16 More, Squyere, Iohn Denton, * William Dyer, one of the vicaryes of the chirche of Bampton, Iohn Baywell, and many other. The date is the iiijth day of the moneth of Octobre, The yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the Fourthe after the conquest of
20 Englond the vijth.

* leaf 207, back.

[473.] A letter of attorney of Richard Harecourte, knyght, and Thomas Lewys, makyng theire attorneys Iohn Baywell and Symond Turnere, preestis, to delyver possession of a dwellyng place (or a mese) and a plough-lond, with the pertynentis, & cetera. 1467, Oct. 4.

THE sentence of this lettir attorney is, that Richard harecourte, knyght, and Thomas Lewes, Sendith gretyng in our lorde ever-lastyng, yevyng knowlech that they made, ordeyned,
24 and in ther place putte, Theire chosen Iohn Baywell and Symond Turnere, Chapelleyns, there trew and lawfull attorneyes, ioyntly and severally, to entre and delyver in ther name full and peasible seisyne of and in a dwellyng place (or a mese) with a plough-lond,
28 with all his pertynentis, in Langford in the Countees of Oxenford and Berkshire, called Cokerellys, And in all the londes and tenementis medis lesues pastures rentis seruyces, with all his pertynentis, in kelmescote in the Counte aforsaid, vnto Iohn
32 Botillere, doctoure of bothe lawes, Iohn Redyng, Bacheler of

Letter of attorney by Sir Richard Harcourt and co-feoffe to put Dr. John Botillere,

and co-feoffees, into possession of property detailed in no. 472.

Theologie, Thomas Estyngton, Clerk, Iohn Crofton, and to Alexandre Martyne, and to ther heires and to there assignes, aftir the strengthe forme and effecte of theire charter therof made, Havyng ferme and stable what-so-ever there seid 4 attorneyes do or make, or ony of them in ther name do or make, in the premysses. In witnesse of the whiche thynge, to this presente writyng they putte to ther seales. The date is the fourthe day of the moneth of Octobre, The yere of the 8 reigne of kynge Edward the Fourthe after the conquest the vijth.

1467, Oct. 6.

[474.] A relese and quyteclayme of Richard Harecourte, knyght, Edward langford, Iohn Nowers, Squyers, and Thomas lewys, I-made to Iohn Botiller, doctour of bothe lawes, Iohn Redyng, bacheler of Theologie, Thomas Estyngton, Clerk, Iohn Crofton, and Alexandre Martyne, of a dwellyng place with a plough-lond and the pertynentis in langford and kelmescote.

* leaf 208. Quit-claim to Dr. John Botillere and co-feoffees, by Sir Richard Harcourt and co-feoffees,

* The sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Richard Harecourte, knyght, Edward Langford, Iohn Nowers, Squyers, and 12 Thomas Lewys, Sendith gretyng in oure lord god ever-lastyng: be hit knowen that the forsaid Richard Harecourte, Edward Langford, Iohn Nowers, and Thomas Lewys hath for-yoven and relesed and alwey for theyme and there heires for evermore 16 quyteclayme, to Iohn Botiller, doctour of bothe lawes, Iohn Redyng, bachelere of Theologie, Thomas Estyngton, Clerk, Iohn Crofton, and Alexandre Martyne, all that dwellyng place (or mese) with plough-londes [1], with all his pertynentis, in Langford 20 in the Countees of Oxenford and Berkshire called Cokerelles, which late (with other) they had of the yifte and feffement of william Bonde and Margarete his wyf. And also knowe ye that the forsaid Richard Harecourte, Edward Langford, Iohn Nowers, 24 and Thomas Lewys, hath for-yoven and quyteclaymed and alway for theyme and ther heires for euermore relesed, to the forsaid Iohn Botillere, Iohn Redynge, Thomas Estyngton, Iohn Crofton, and to Alexandre Martyne, all tho londes and tenementis, medys, 28 lesues, pastures, rentis, and seruyces with all his pertynentis,

of no. 472.

[1] Read 'a plough-lond.'

which late (with other) they hadden of the yifte and feffemente of the forsaid william Bonde and Margarete his wyf. So that neither the forsaid Richard Harecourte, Edward Langford, Iohn 4 Nowers, and Thomas Lewys, nor none of their heires, nor none other in their name, ony man*er* right title or clayme in the forsaid dwellyng place, tenementis, londes, with all their appertenentis, fro hens-forth [might have, but] be put fro all maner of 8 chalange; And fro all maner of right and clayme therfro, they to be excluded for evermore by this p*re*sent writyng. In witnesse of the which thynge to this p*re*sent writyng they sette to their seales. The date is the Sixte day of the moneth of Octobre, 12 The yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the Fourthe after the conquest of Englond the vijth.

[Ledwell in Wootton parish.]

[475.] *A Chart*er* of Iohn Veiscele, confermyng to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe, xij. acris in one feld and xij. in another, w*ith* mese and croftis toftis and other easementis, and w*ith* all other p*er*tynentis lon*gyng to the forsaid londe.

* leaf 86. About 1300 ?

* leaf 86, back.

The sentence of this confirmacion is that Iohn Veiscele yaf, & *cetera*, to god and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there 16 servyng god, for the helth of his sowle and of Isabelle his wyf and for the sowlis of his fadir and of his modir and of his children, all the lond that Thomas Lewrich held of hym in Lodewell, that is to sey, xij. acris in one feld and xij. in another, 20 w*ith* the mese and croftis and toftis and other eysementis, and w*ith* all other p*er*tynentis longyng to the same: to be hold of hym and of his heires, in-to pure and p*er*petuel almesse, frely quyetly holy and worshipfully, in weyes pathis medis pastures 24 wodis playnys and all other placis. Also Iohn and his heires bounde them-self to warantize the forsaid lond, w*ith* all the forsaid p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid holy mynchons of Godestowe ayenst all men. Also the forsaid holy mynchons of Godestowe 28 graunted to hym of charite eu*er*y yere in the day of his Anny-

Grant to Godstow, by John Veiscele, of a messuage, lands, and rights attaching to a yardland,

under covenant to feed 13 poor men on his anniversary.

uersary to fede xiij. poore men. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*, he sette to his seale, & *cetera*.

[NOTE.—This gift is later than pope Nicholas IV's 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*. It was still in force at the dissolution, 1540, when it is returned (*Monast.* iv. 372) that 3*s.* 4*d.* yearly rent was received by Godstow from Ledwell, of which 6*d.* quit-rent for the land was paid to the bailiff of Wotton hundred, and 2*s.* 10*d.* was devoted to feeding '14' poor men on the obit of John de la 'Westle,' a benefactor. In the Latin Register the name is *Veiscele.*]

[MILCOMB, in Bloxham parish.]

[NOTE.—In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* Godstow is stated to be in receipt of £3 10*s.* yearly from rents in Milcomb. At the dissolution, 1540, the value of Godstow property here is joined in one sum with the value of Godstow property in Bloxham.]

[1. Deeds about tithe.]

* leaf XIII or 25. About 1200.

[476.] *An acte by-twene the Abbas of Godestowe & the person of wykynton for tythe-hey, tythe of the mylle, and of peyuns in myldecombe.

[Gregory = March 12.] Agreement between Godstow (as rector of Bloxham)

THE sentens of thys acte is, þat in the vigyl of seynt Gregorye, in crystes churche of walyngeford, a-fore þe prior of walinge- 4 forde, principall iugge, & the chaunter of walingeforde, kepynge the stedys of the abbottes of Abendon & of dorchester, in a plee that was by-twene the abbas & þe Couent of Godestowe of that on partye & þe person of wykynton of the oþer party, by a 8 chapylleyne & Maystur C. persoun of weston, procuratours, for to do & for to compowne specially with the seyd compereres, that is to sey, whenne the abbas & þe Couent of Godestowe askyd by the commune lawe all tythys, bothe more & lasse, the 12 whyche the seyd person toke in the parysshe of bloxham, and whenne all the day was ȝef to all excepcions dilatorys to be purposyd & to be preuyd, the bate & stryfe cesyd in iuggement undur thys forme: that is to sey, that the seyd abbas & couent 16 sholde receyue ther afturward all tythys of hey of londys & medewys in the felde of Myldecumbe, with-out ony a-geyne-holdynge for euyr; Also that they sholde receyue all tythys of peiuns of duffe-howsys I-made or to be made in the towne of 20

[Weston-on-the-Green, Oxon.]

and Wigington church, as to tithes:

tithes specially assigned to Godstow.

[pigeons.]

myldecumbe; also that they shulde receyue the tythys of the Mylle of Myldecombe, holly, w*ith*-out ony w*ith*-holdynge: but the churche of wykynton afturwarde sholde take þe tythys the
4 whyche he toke vn-to that tyme, & all thyng*es* that he was wonyd to take, tho be-fore except. Also the iugg*es* decreyd that the deen of brocton scholde put the seyd abbas & Mynchons of Godestowe in-to possession of the seyd tythys in her place, &
8 that they co*m*maundyd to hym by her lett*er*.

[rural dean of Broughton.]

[477.] A conuencion by-twene the abbas of Godestowe & the p*er*son of wygynton.

About 1200.

Agreement between Godstow (as rector of Bloxham) and Wigington church as to tithes in Milcomb:

tithes specially assigned to Wigington.

THE sentence of thys a-corde is, that ther were grete pleis mony tymys, & stryfys, by-twene the churche of bloxh*am* & the churche of wygynton, for c*er*ten tythys in myldecombe longynge
12 to the same churchys: at the last, it was a-cordyd by-twene these churches & the p*er*sons of tho churchys, by þe consent of the patronys, that euyryche of hem sholde haue p*ar*t dyuydyd to hym-selfe, what þ*at* was dewe to hys churche: for thys cause,
16 hyt is to be knowe þ*at* þe churche of wygynton takyth, or toke fro the fundacion of that churche, halfe the tythe of all tythys of the tenauntrye of the p*r*ior of Merton, that is to sey, of twey hydys in Myldecumbe; of the tenauntrye of the abbot*e* of
20 Eynysh*am*, of j. hyde þe whyche Iohn of Swerford hylde, the churche of wygynton [takes[1] all tithes]; of halfe j. hide, þ*at* aschetylle of the churche-yerde[2] helde, the churche of wygynton takyth all tythys, except on halfe[3] acre of wyntur corne the
24 whyche the churche of Bloxh*am* takyth; of halfe an hyde, that Gelbert belami hylde, the churche of wygynton takyth all the tythys; [of[1] half an hyde] that lambert helde, the churche of wygynton takyth all shevis, and halfe of all o*þer* tythys, except
28 thoo that byn conteynyd in the [a]yey*n*-wrytynge[4], in the which he may neuyr chalenge no ryht, for all o*þer* thyng*es* longyn hole to the churche of Bloxh*am*; & þ*at* þ*er* sholde be no stryfe her-aftur vppon the fore-seyde tythys, hyt was made stronge by
32 puttynge to of the seele of þe couent of Godestowe & of þe

[1] Added from the Latin.
[2] 'Aschetillus de cimiterio.'
[3] 'except one whole acre de hibernagio.'
[4] 'rescript.' in the Latin: i. e. the preceding deed.

seelys of the lordys of the grounde & of [the] *per*son of wygynton: & is w*ith*-oute date[1].

[2. Deeds about land.]

* leaf 89, back. About 1200. Grant to Godstow, by Einsham Abbey, of a residence for a chaplain.

[478.] *A Chart*er* of Robert, Abbot of Eynysham, for j. mese in Mildecombe.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Robert[2], Abbot of Eynysham, and the couent of the same place, for goddis sake and the honest conu*er*sacion of the holy mynchons of Godestowe, yaf, and graunted, to god and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons there s*er*uyng god, j. mese in myldecombe, that is to sey, that hurebern held, w*ith* the crofte liyng therto, that is beside the dwellyng place of William fitz Swetgyne, into pure and p*er*petuel almes, frely and quyetly for eu*er* to be had, in the which (that is to sey) mese * of[3] the Chapelayn (that is to sey, of the forsaid mynchons), w*ith* assent of the forsaid towne of Mildecombe, shold haue a dwellyng to serue by the tymys succedyng. And they relesed for charite for eu*er*, to the forsaide Mynchons, the rent of xij. d. the which þei were I-woned to take for the forsaid mese & *cetera*. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 90.

About 1210. Grant to Godstow, by Alexander of Milcomb, of a rent-charge of 2s.

[479.] A Charter of Alisaundre Mildecombe, with the consent and the assent of his heire, for ij. s*hillings* of rent in Mildecombe.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Alisaundre of Myldecombe, w*ith* the consent and assent of his heire, yaf, & *cetera*, to god, and for the helþe of his sowle and of the soules of his auncet*ours* and successours, to the mynchons of seynt Iohn of Godestowe there s*er*uyng god, into pure and p*er*petuell almesse, ij. s*hillings* of rent of his demayn in Mildecombe: to be hold and to be had for eu*er*, of hym and of his heires, frely and quyetly, pesibly and worshipfully, to be yelded yerely to the same mynchons at ij. t*er*mys of the yere, that is to sey, at Ester

[1] Witnesses are: Alexander, dean; John, lord of Brokton (Broughton); Walerand, Sampson, Ralph, B*er*ric, and Bernard, chaplain of Godstow.

[2] Robert, abbot of Einsham, 1197–1205.

[3] Omit 'of.'

xij. d̃. and at Mighelmasse xij. d̃: and the forsaid̃ Alisaundre and his heires warantiȝed̃ to the fore-named̃ mynchons these afore-write ij. *shillings* of rent ayenst all̃ peple: and that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

[480.] * A Charter of Race fitz Alysaundir confermyng xvj. acris to the mynchons of Godestowe.

* leaf 88, back. About 1235. Grant to Godstow, by Race son of Alexander, of 16 acres,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Race fitz Alisaundre of Mildecombe yaf, & *cetera*, to dame Amphelice, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couent of the same place, xvj. acris of arable lond̃ in the feldes of Myldecumbe, that is to sey, vij. acris of lond̃ in the South̃ feld̃, and j. acre in the West feld̃, and viij. acris of lond̃ in the northfeld̃:

viz. 7 acres in the South field,

the which̃ xvj. acris ben vndir diuided̃ in this wyse:—In the south̃ feld̃, j. acre in Milleforlonge, beside the lond̃ the which̃ was of William Michel and his lond̃, the which̃ strecchith̃ hit-self toward̃ the north̃; and j. acre in Shotforlonge, beside the lond̃ that was of Symond̃ lewe and the lond̃ that was of Richard̃ Cowherd̃, the which̃ strecchith̃ toward̃ the north̃; and j. forere or forow in Bacunforlonge, beside the lond̃ that was of Robert atte Grene, the which̃ strecchith̃ hit-self toward̃ the Est; and j. acre in hydewey, beside the lond̃ that was of Adam of the welle and his lond̃, the whiche strecchith̃ hit-self toward̃ the north̃; and j. acre in bacunforlonge beside the lond̃ that paganne held̃ and his lond̃, the which̃ strecchith̃ toward̃ the Est; and j. acre in vtforlonge beside his lond̃ and the lond̃ of Godfrey Baker, the which̃ strecchith̃ hit-self toward̃ the Est; and j. acre in morewelleforlonge, beside the lond̃ of the forsaid̃ abbesse and his lond̃ the which̃ strecchith̃ hit-self toward̃ the north̃. And in the westfeld̃, that is to sey, in dichehurne[1] aboue the north̃ dune, j. acre, beside the lond̃ that was of William Mychell̃ and the lond̃ that was of Symond̃ lewe, the which̃ strecchith̃ toward̃ the north̃. In the north̃ feld̃, j acre lieth in wayteburgeforlonge, beside the lond̃ that was * of William Michell̃ and the lond̃ of Robert Grene, the which̃ strecchith̃ hit-self toward̃ the northe; j. acre, ayenst Farendon̄, beside the lond̃ that pagane held̃ and the lond̃ of Walter Marysce, the which̃ strecchith̃ hit-self toward̃ the northe; and j. acre, vpon northdune, beside the

[the head-land here is 1 acre.]

1 acre in the West field, and 8 acres in the North field.

* leaf 89.

[1] It is said that 'hurne,' meaning 'corner,' is still in use.

lond' that was of Richard' Busceby and the lond' of William Michell', the which strecchith hit-self toward' the Est; and j. acre in longebreche beside the lond' of Walt*er* marisce and the lond' of William Michell' the which strecchith hit-self toward' the Est; and j. acre in farendone more[1], beside the lond' that was of william wylde and the lond' of william Clerk, that strecchith hit-self toward' the northe; and j. acre, that strecchith hit-self toward' the est into theneldeford', beside the lond' that was of pagane and the lond' of Rob*er*t Grene; and j. acre, in shouelbrode, beside the lond' that was of Adam of the welle and the lond' of Iohn Valun, the which strecchith hit-self toward' the Est; and j. acre ayenst the northedune, besides his lond' and the lond' of Walter Cumptoñ, the which strecchith hit-self toward' the Est:

to be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent of Godestowe for ever and to ther successours, of hym and his heires, frely and quyetly, holy and pesibly, in weyes and pathes and bypathes pasturis and fedyng' placis and in co*m*mvnes, yeldyng' therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d'. at Estir, for all' seruyce exaccioñ and demaunde and sute. And the forsaid' Race and his heires warantiȝed' to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and to ther successours for ever all' the forsaid' diuidid' acris, w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis, ayenst all' men and women, and acquyted' and defended' of all' se*r*uicis demaundes sutes and exaccions; and for this graunte yifte co*n*fermyng' warantiȝyng' aquytyng' and defendyng' the forsaid' abbesse and Couent [yaf] in the stede of a warisoñ the vesture of xx. acris of lond', and yelded' to hym all' his lond' the which they held' of hym in ferme, that is to sey, xl. acris of lond' (of the whiche the xvj. acris afore diuided' were I-draw out): therfor*e* [that] all' these afore-write thyngis and afore-diuided' shold' be sure and stable for ever, he strengthed' hit w*ith* his seale, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, 1*d*. at Easter.

In payment for this grant Godstow gave up the standing crops of 20 acres and surrendered the lease of 24 acres.

About 1240.

[481.] A Chart*er* of Moolde of Myldecombe, Race Alisaundirs wyf, relesyng' and quyteclaymyng' all' the right and clayme that she had' or myght have in the thirde parte of the xvj. acris of lond' in the name of her dowry.

Sale to Godstow, by Maud,

THE sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Moolde of Myldecombe, the which was the wyf of Race Mildecombe, in her

[1] 'knorre' in the Latin.

lawfull wedowhode, relesed and quyte-claymed for ever, to the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and to there successours, all the right and clayme that she had or myght haue, by the
4 name of her dowry, in the thirde parte of xvj. acris of arable lond, with all ther pertynentis, the which Race somtyme her husbond yaf and enchartered to the said Mynchons in myldcombe, * Wherof hit was I-pleyd bitwene them afore the Iusticis
8 of the bench, so that[1] she myght not afterward no thynge axe of the forsaid xvj. acris with ther pertynentis, In the name of her dowry. And for this relese and quyte-clayme, the said mynchons yaf to her half j. marke of siluer and j. quarter of
12 whete : and that this her relese and quyteclayme shold be sure, She put to this writyng her seale.

widow of Race of Milcomb, of her dower right in no. 480.

* leaf 89, back.

Purchase-money, 6*s.* 8*d.* and 1 qr. wheat.

[482.] * A Charter of moolde Race of myldecombe for a place with a Curtilage, graunted to Iamys hawncy, styward of Godestowe.

* leaf 90. A.D. 1246.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde that was the wyf of Race of Mildecombe, in her lawfull wedowhode, with the
16 assent and wille of Robert her sone and heire, toke and graunted to Iamys hawncy, at that tyme Steward of Godestowe, j. place with her curtilage (of the northe parte of her house), and j. half yerde of arable lond that Geffrey Smyth somtyme held, with all
20 his pertynentis (except j. mese, and ou[t]take[2] j. acre the which he[3] toke at j. croppe and assigned hit otherwise) : to be had and to be hold, to the said Iamys and to his assignes, of hym[4] and of his heires, frely and quyetly fro all seruyce and seculer exaccion,
24 fro the second sonday of lenton, the xxx. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, vnto Mighelmasse folowyng, and then bothe the said acris[5] and the said place and the said halfe yerde-lond in the which the said acre is conteyned shold
28 remayne to the same Iamys vnto the ende of xvj. yere, as hit is conteyned in the charter bitwene the said Iamys of the one parte and her and Robert her son and heire of the other parte.

Lease to the steward of Godstow, by Maud, widow of Race, of a place, a curtilage, and a half-yardland (except a messuage and 1 acre).

[2 Sunday in Lent, $124\frac{5}{6}$ = March 4.]

[1] MS. has 'so that that.'

[2] The Latin is : 'excepta una acra quam ad unam croppam percipiendum aliter assignavi.'

[3] 'he' in error for 'she'; 'at' in error for 'for.'

[4] Read 'her and of her.'

[5] In error for 'acre.'

[Tillage clause.]

Also the said' Iamys resceived' of her ij. acris I-sowe of hard' corne[1], and v. acris wele I-eryd' and not I-sowe, of the forsaid' lond'. And she and her heires warantiȝed' acquyted' and defended' the forsaid' place and the forsaid' lond' *with* the *per*tynentis ayenst all men and women of all seruyce and exaccions * and vexyngis. And for this takyng grauntyng warantiȝyng and defendynge the said' Iamys yaf to hym[2] and to Rob*ert* her sone and heire vij. *shillings* vj. d'. to there grete nede, that is to sey, to mary her doughtirs. And that this takyng, & *cetera*.

* leaf 90, back. Purchase-money, *7s. 6d.*

[Daughters' marriage portions.]

124⁸⁄₉, Jan. 13.

[483.] * A covenaunt I-made bitwene Moolde the wyf of Race of Myldecombe and Iames somtyme Steward' of Godestowe for a mese and a curtilage and with all the crofte, & *cetera*.

Lease by Maud, widow of Race of Milcomb, to James Hawncy, steward of Godstow, of a messuage, curtilage, and croft, belonging to her jointure-land, for two years. Prohibition to fell timber.

Undertaking to repay the purchase-money, if the lease is broken by her death.

THIS was the couenaunt I-made, bitwene Moolde somtyme the wyf of Race of Myldecombe of the one *par*tie, And Iamys somtyme Steward' of Godestowe of the other *par*tie, that is to sey, that the forsaid' Moolde of Mildecombe, in her lawfull wedowhode, toke and graunted', and *with* this *pre*sent writyng *con*fermed', to the forsaid' Iames or to his assignes, a mese, and a curtelage, *with* all a croft, beside the towne of Myldecombe, that Chotelbernd' somtyme held', to the *ter*me of two yere folowyng fro the fest of seynt hillary the xxxj. yere of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, and that the forsaid' Iames shold' hold' vp that mese in the same a state that he founde hit in, but the treis of the forsaid' mese shold' abide to the plesure of the forsaid' dame Moolde. For this couenaunt and takyng the forsaid' Iames yaf to the forsaid' moold' x. *shillings* of sterlyngis before handis, and the forsaid' moolde warantiȝed' the couenaunt suerly to be keped', by her trouthe I-plight, vnto the forsaid' *ter*me fully completed', for all seculer demaundes; and yf hit happe so that þe forsaid' Moolde be take *with* ony sikenesse *with*-in the forsaid' *ter*me, that is to sey, of ij. yere, she shold' not make no testament nother of her mevable goodes nother vnmeuable

[1] The Latin is: 'duas acras de duro blado seminatas et v. bis aratas et non seminatas.' The 'hard corn' is wheat, sown in the preceding winter; the ploughed land is for the sowing of oats this spring. Cp. at Maldon, Essex, Liber B. fol. xiv, 1468: 'hard corn . . . that is, of whete, rye, barley, pesyn, and benes: . . . steysh (?) corn . . . that is to say, malt, and otes, and suche other.'

[2] In error for 'her.'

afore the forsaid' x. *shillings* were I-restored' to the said' Iames or to his assignes, by the sight or vewe of lawfull' good' men. In-to witnesse of this thyng to a good' suerte to be had', w*ith*out ony
4 cauelacion or agaynseiyng, to this p*ar*tid' chart*er* they put to ther seales, & *cetera*.

[484.] Another Chart*er* of Rob*er*t Fitz Race of Mildecombe for one half acre of lond' with his p*er*tynentis of his dowrye. 1247.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Robert son of Race, of the leases granted by his mother: viz. that in no. 482,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Rob*er*t fitz Race of Mildecombe, for hy*m* and his heires, graunted' and w*ith* this
8 p*re*sent writyng confermed' the couenant I-made, bitwene moolde his modir of the one [part] and Iames hawncy[1] at that tyme Steward' of Godestowe of the other p*ar*te, of j. half yeld'[8] of lond', w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, of his[2] dowry, that is to sey, that[3] Geffrey
12 Smyth somtyme held', and[4] j. place of a curtelage, and[4] pasture to an hundred' shepe at the lest in the co*m*mune pasture of Mildecombe contynuelly, and yf[5] he wille not what-so-eu*er* afterward' strecchyng or metyng be of the pasture; and of the said' half yerd'-
16 lond' w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, w*ith* the forsaid' place of curtilage, and w*ith* the forsaid' pasture to an hundred' shepe at the lest, his modir Moolde toke hit w*ith* her owne assent and wille to the said' Iames and to his assignes, and specially to the abbesse
20 of Godestowe and to the couent of the same place, but[6] the sai Iames wille otherwise assigne the said' ferme: To be had' and' to be hold', to the said' Iames or to whom-so-ever he wille assigne them, aft*er* that the chart*er* reporteth and witnessith that the
24 said' Iames had' of Mould' his modir and of hym: he graunted' also and confermed' the couenaunt I-made, * bitwene the said' mould' his modir and of[7] hym of the one p*ar*tie and Iames aboue I-named' of the other p*ar*te, of j. yelde[8] lond' and j. half, for [half]
28 of the sheves and for half of the chaumy[9]. And the said' Rob*er*t and his heires shold' aquyte warantize and defende the

and that of another yardland,

* leaf 91.

[French 'chaume,' = straw.]

[1] 'Iacobus de Hawncia' in the Latin.

[2] In error for 'her.'

[3] i. e. that half-yardland which Jeffrey the smith once held.

[4] i. e. and of (Latin 'de').

[5] The Latin is: 'si uoluerunt, qualiscunque in posterum de pastura fiat extensio sive amensuratio, quam dicta dimidia virgata' (had assigned to it). Apparently meaning, 'not only in the existing common pasture, but, on any extension of pasture, also in the additional pasture assigned to the half yardland.' The translator has read 'noluerunt,' the initial letter being ambiguous.

[6] i. e. unless.

[7] Omit 'of.'

[8] In error for 'yerd,' 'yerde.'

[9] The Latin is: 'de medietate chamini in dicta virgata et dimidia' (yearly growing).

forsaid' ij. yerdes of lond', *with* ther *per*tynentis, and þe forsaid' place of a curtilage, and the forsaid' pasture to an hundred' Shepe at the lest, to the said' Iames and to all his assignes, after the fo*ur*me of the said' chart*er*, by the space of xvj. yere content in the same chart*er*, aft*er* that that hit[1] was afore diuided', fro all customes sutis and demaundis and all other vexacions in the same chart*er*, so that the said' Iames or his assignes for defaute of warantizyng shold' not take none harme, what-so-ever happen of the forsaid' Moolde his modir. And for this graunte, lettyng, and confermyng, the forsaid' Iames yaf to his moder and to hym to the*re* grete nede iij. mark, of siluer*e* and j. half, to mary his sustirs. Wherfor he willed' and suerly graunted' that all the articles I-content in the same chart*er* shold' be kept feithfully and w*ith*out deceyte of hym and his heires. And he bound' hym-self by his trouthe, for hym and his heires, to the kepyng of the same couenaunt. And for more suerte of the same thyng, he put to his seale, & *cetera*.

in consideration of £2 6s. 8d. for marriage-portions of his sisters.

* leaf 89, back. 131½, Jan. 21.

[485.] *A Chart*er* of Thomas Race, sone and Heire of Iordan Race of Mildecumbe, relesyng all his right in xxix. acris w*ith* alle the*re* p*er*tynentis in alle placis.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Thomas Race,

THE sentence of this relese is, that Thomas Race, the son and heire of Iordan Race of myldecumbe, remytted', relesed', and vttirly quyteclaymed', for hym and his heires for ever, w*ith*-out ony w*ith*holdyng, to Moolde Vpton, by the suffraunce of god abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couent of the same place, all his right and clayme that he had', or myght haue, or shold' mowe to haue in ony wise in tyme to come, in xxix. acris of lond' w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis in all placis, liyng in dyu*er*se placis of the feldis of Mildecumbe, of the which xxix. acris he toke a bref, that is to sey, a writte, of the kyng vpon the forsaid' abbesse; and also remytted' and quyte-claymed' vttirly for ever to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent all his right and clayme that he had', or in ony wyse myght haue, in all londis tenementis and rentis the which the said' abbesse and Couent held' in the townys of Mildecombe and Bloxham: to be had' and to be hold', frely quyetly wele and in pease for ever, w*ith*out ony clayme or agayn-holdyng

of all title in 29 acres, dispersed in the fields of Milcomb,

and in Godstow property in Milcomb and Bloxham.

[1] MS. has 'his.'

of hym or of his heires, So that nother he, his heires, ne none in ther name, in the forsaid' xxix. acris of lond', or in ony other tenementis or rent*es* the which the forsaid' abbesse and couent 4 held' in the townys of Myldecombe and Bloxham, myght not axe nother chalange in the tyme to come no thyng of right or clayme here-aft*er*. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford', the friday next aftir the fest of seyntis Fabian and Sebastian, 8 the fyfte yere of the reigne of kyng Edward' the sone of kyng Edward'.

[Fabian and Sebastian = Jan. 20.]

[MILTON in Adderbury parish.]

[NOTE.—The clue to the locality of this property is given by pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291, where Godstow is put down as receiving a 'portion' to the amount of 18*s*. from 'Abberbury in Deddington rural deanery.' This is confirmed by the witnesses (p. 361, note). At the dissolution, 1540, the incomes from Milton and South Newnton are put together, as both being in Dadyngton (Deddington) rural deanery. The joint sum (*Monast.* iv. 373) amounted to 17*s*. 2*d*., out of which a quit-rent 6*d*. was paid to the bailiff of Bloxham hundred 'for a messuage in Milton.']

[486.] * A Chart*er* of Raf fit3 Richard' of Myddelton' of iiij. acris of lond' and the confermyng of the charter of the said' Richard' his fadir of ij. acris of lond' with ij. mansions & *cetera*.

*** leaf 91. About 1260?**

* THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Raaf fit3 Richard' of Middelton' yaf & *cetera* to Alice his sustir, for her seruyce, 12 iiij. acris of arable lond' in the felde of Middelton', of the which ij. lieth in the Est feld' and ben' I-called' the Revelond', beside the lond' of Richard' fit3 Osbert, and ij. lien' in the westfelde, j. acre vpon' Endewelle and half j. acre vpon' Grenebergh and 16 another half acre vpon the wey of Appellow: to be hold' and to be had', of hym and his heires or assignes, frely quyetly fully holy and pesibly, to her, and to her heires, or to whom-so-eu*er* she wold' assigne, by right heritage for eu*er*, yeldyng therof 20 yerely to hym and to his heires j. d'. at Estir for all' seruyce exaccion' and demaunde. Also the forsaid' Raaf confermed' the yifte of Richard' his fadir that he made to the forsaid' Alice his sustir of ij. howsis w*ith* her gardyns in the towne of Middelton' 24 and ij. acris of arable lond' in the forsaid' feldis of the same

*** leaf 91, back.**

Grant to Alice of Middelton, by Ralph son of Richard, of 4 acres,

quit-rent, 1*d*. yearly:

and confirmation by Ralph son of Richard, of his father's

gift to her, viz. of 2 acres and 2 houses.

towne, wherof j. acre in the Estfeld' lieth vpon Bradeweye, and another in the westfeld' (and [of it] j. half acre lieth vpon Greneberow, and another half acre lieth vpon Bradeweye): To be had' and to be hold', of hym and of his heires or assignes, 4 to her and to her heires or to whom-so-eu*er* she wille assigne selle or bequeth them, Also w*ith* the iiij. acris aboueseid', w*ith* the same lib*er*tees the which the iiij. acris afore-named' had'. And the same Raaf aforsaid' and his heires or assignes warantized' 8 for eu*er* the forsaid' vj. acris and ij. houses, w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis, as hit is said' afore, ayenst all men. And that this his yifte, graunte, and confermyng of bothe, shold' be sure for euer, & *cetera*. 12

* leaf 91. About 1270.

[487.] * A Char*ter* of Alice Middelton confermyng to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe all the londes and tenementis that she had' in the towne of Middelton.

Grant to Godstow, by Alice of Middelton, of lands and houses as in no. 486.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that Alice fitz Richard' of Middelton, in her owne fre power, yaf, & *cetera*, to god' & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, into fre and p*er*petuell almesse, all her lond' and tenementis that she 16 had' in the towne of Middelton: that is to sey, ij. houses w*ith* their p*er*tynentis, and two acris of arable lond', the which she had' of her fadir yifte, of the which one lieth in the Est feld' of the same towne vpon Bradeweye, and another in the westfeld' (of 20 the which the [one] half acre lieth vpon Greneberwe, and another vpon Bradeweye); and iiij. acris of lond' in the felde of the same towne, the which she had' of the yifte of Raaf her brother, of the whiche ij. lien in the Estfeld' and ben called' Reuelond', 24 beside the lond' of Richard' fitz Osberte, and ij. lien in the westfeld', that is to sey [one acre] vpon Enedewelle [1], and j. half acre lieth vpon Greneberwe and another half acre vpon the weye of appellowe [2]: To be hold' and to be had', of her and of her heires, 28 quyetly frely fully pesibly and holy, to them and to ther successours for eu*er*, w*ith* all liberteis and fre customes longyng to the seid' lond', yeldyng therof yerely to her and to her heires

[1] Indistinct. 'Euedewelle' or 'Enedewelle.' [2] ? Aynho.

or assignes j. d' at Estir for all seculer seruyce, sute of courte, exaccion and demaunde: and the said' Alice and her heires warantiȝed' for euer all the said' lond', as it is diuided' afore, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid' mynchons and to ther successours ayenst all peple. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*[1].

Quit-rent, 1*d.*

[488.] *A letter endented' of the londis and tenementis the whiche Robert fitz Ade of Middelton held' in the same towne of the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe for x. *shillings* of yerely rent.

* leaf 91. back. About 1290.

THE sentence of this endenture is, that there was a couenaunt I-made, bitwene Mabill, by the suffraunce of god' abbesse of Godestow, and the couent of the same place, of the one partie, and Robert fitz Ade of Middelton of the other partie, that is to sey, that the said' abbesse and couent, with one assent and good' wille, lette, graunte, and toke to a fee-ferme, to the said' Robert all that tenement, with all his pertynentes, that they had' in the towne of Middelton of the yifte of Alice of Middelton the sustir of Raaf halle, with vj. acris of arable lond' liyng' to the said' lond', in the feldes of Middelton: To be had' and to be hold', to the said' Robert and to his heires lawfully I-gote of his body, of the said' abbesse and couent and successours of the same, frely quyetly wel and in pease worshipfully and holy, yeldyng' therof yerely to the said' abbesse and couent and to ther successours x. *shillings* of siluer at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse v. *shillings* and at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist v. *shillings*, and to the chief lord' of the fee j. d'. for all seculer seruyce and demaunde, So natheles that hit shold' not be lawfull to the said' Robert nor to his heires lawfull be-gote of his[2] [* body to sell, etc., the said tenement or lands. Godstow took powers of distraint and re-entry if the rent were not duly paid. Witnesses include Sir Amaury of St. Amand, Robert of Cranford, John Hikeman, William of Lecche.]

Grant by Godstow, to Robert son of Adam and to his heirs of body,

of lands as in no. 487.

Quit-rent, 10*s.*

* Exchequer MS., leaf 92.

[1] Witnesses include: William, vicar of Karsynton (Cassington), then master of Godstow; Sir Roger of Wytham; Thomas Waldyn, steward of Godstow; Richard, son of Richard of Edberbery (Adderbury); Adam, son of Ely of Mildecombe.

[2] The leaf which followed in the English Register has been cut out.

[MINSTER LOVEL.]

[NOTE.—This grant is later than pope Celestine III's confirmation, 1192, no. 902. In pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291, Godstow's Minster rent in Witney deanery was valued at £1 5*s*. At the dissolution, 1540, the holding is described (*Monast.* iv. 372) as a close and a yardland, worth 12*s*. yearly.]

* Exchequer MS., leaf 92.

About 1215. Grant to Godstow, by John Lovel, of a serf and his yardland.

[489. * Charter of John luuell of a yardland in Ministr.

JOHN LUUELL gave Godstow, for the welfare of his soul and the souls of his ancestors, William Long with his sequela[1], residing at Ministria viz. beyond the water, and that virgate of land and all its pertinents which the said William Long held, 4 into free alms, free of all services.

Witnesses:—Robert of Brinton, canon of Salisbury; Otwell of Esthal[2]; Robert of Middelton, &c.]

[NOTE.—Rev. H. Salter points out to me that Robert de Brimton is given by Jones in his *Fasti Eccles. Sar.*, as canon, and alive in 1214 and 1222. The spelling in the Godstow deed is Brinton.]

[SOUTH NEWINGTON[3].]

* leaf 222. About 1240?

[490.] * A Charter of Raaf Iooas, confermyng to Margarete his doughter, a yerde-lond in Newntoñ, & *cetera*.

Grant to Margaret Jooas, by her father Ralph, of a messuage and a yardland.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Iooas yaf, graunted, 8 and by his present charter confermed, to Margarete his doughtir, for her trowthe and service, and with the wille and graunte of Raaf his sone and heire, a yerde-lond in Newntoñ, with a mese, and with all his pertynentis, [that], that is for to sey, which Geffrey 12 Fraunceys held: To be hold, of hym and his heires, [by] her and her heires, frely and quyetly, in medis and pasturis, in weyes and pathes, and in all maner of libertees to the forseid lond perteynyng, for all maner of services to hym perteynyng 16

Quit-rent, 1 lb. of cummin.

for a pounde of Comyne yerely to be paid at Estir, Savyng the kyngis service. These beyng witnesse: Otuere of the Ile, Richard of Avmery, Geffrey the sone of Ely, Raaf of Aumery, Robert of Ortoñ, Martyne of Blechyndoñ, Henry the sone of 20 william of Ortoñ, And many other.

[1] i. e. his family. [2] Asthall, Oxon. [3] See p. 359.

[491.] A Charter of Robert de le Grave confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe viij. *shillings*[1] of yerely rent in the towne of Newntoñ Crawnford. About 1270.

Grant to Godstow, by Robert lord de le Grave, chaplain, of a rent-charge of 8*s.* imposed as feudal superiority upon the yardland in no. 490,

THE sentence of this charter is that Robert de la Grave, Chapellayne, yaf, graunted, and by his present charter confermed, to the Abbesse of Godestow and to the mynchons ther seruyng
4 god, an annuel rent of viij. *shillings* in the towne of Newntoñ Crawnford, which forsaid yerely rente william atte welle to hym was wont to paye yerely at iiij. termes in the yere, that is for to sey, atte fest of seynt Mighell ij. *shillings*, and at the fest of
8 seynt Thomas the appostle ij. *shillings*, and at the fest of the Annunciacioñ of our lady ij. *shillings*, And at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist ij. *shillings*, for a yerde-lond which of me the forseid william of Newntoñ somtyme held in the same towne:
12 To be takeñ and had, the forseid yerely rent, to the forseid Abbesse and mynchons, to a pytaunce, of the forseid william and his heires, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease for evermore, with homagis, Relefis, wardis, heriettis, mariagis, and
16 with all maner Eschetis which may falle bothe of the forsaid lond and of the forseide william and of his heires, yeldyng therof yerely vnto the lord * of that fee a pounde of Comyne at Estir. And that this his yifte, graunte, and charter confermyng, ferme
20 and stable for evermore shall abide, this present charter with the puttyng to of his seale he hathe I-strengthed. These beyng witnesse: Maister Robert Maynard, than keper of the hous of Godestow; ser Nigell, ser Iohn, ser henry, than Chapelayns of
24 Godestow; wakelyne of Optoñ; Raaf of Bloxham, Clerk; Iohn de la hyde; Richard wyll of Newntoñ; and other.

for a pittance, with all manorial claims and reversionary rights over said yardland,

* leaf 222, back.

which is held by quit-rent of 1 lb. of cummin.

[492.] A Confirmacioñ of Robert, lord of Newntoñ Crawnford, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestow viij. *shillings* of rent in the towne of Newntoñ aforseid which Robert lord de la Grave yaf to hem, & *cetera*. About 1270.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Robert,

THE sentence of this confirmacioñ is that Robert, lord of Newntoñ Crawnford, had ferme and stable the yifte which
28 Robert lord de la Grove, prest, made to lady Isolde, Abbesse,

[1] Mentioned in pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291.

of Newnton Crawnford, as overlord, of the grant (no. 491) of an 8s. rent-charge,

and Couent of Godestow, of a yerely rent of viij. *shillings* to be
takeñ, at iiij. *ter*mes in the yere vsed', of a yerd'-lond' *with* the
p*er*tynentis, which william atte welle holdith in the towne of
Newntoñ; and that same yifte by this his p*re*sent chart*er* he 4
confermed'; and all the right and clayme which he had' or in any
maner wise myght have in the forseid' rent or yerd'-lond', with
the p*er*tynentis, and william atte welle with all his sequele, with
homagis, wardis, heriettis, relefis, Eschetis, and all other p*ro*fites 8
which of the forseid' rent and lond', with the p*er*tynentis, and of
will*ia*m atte welle with all his sequele, myght come, to god and
to the monast*er*ye of Godestow and to the abbesse and Couent
of the same place, relesed' and quyte-claymed' for hym and his 12
heires for evermore, Savyng only to hym and to his heires the
rent[1] of a pound' of Comyne to be paid' yerely to hem at
Newntoñ at the t*er*me of Estir for all seculer thyngis. In
witnesse of all thyngis, to his p*re*sent chart*er* he put to his 16
seale, These beyng witnesse: Rob*er*t le Eyre, that tyme beyng
bailly of wodestok; Rob*er*t of the parke, bailly of the hundred'
of wottoñ; william le Megre; Richard' Talenant; Rob*er*t, lord'
of Millecombe; Iohn de la hyde of Newntoñ; Raaf of Bloxh*a*m, 20
Clerk; Richard', the son*e* of Nigell of Galburghyr*e*; Thomas
Douncy of Dunstywe; and ma[n]y other.

retaining the quit-rent of 1 lb. of cummin.

[Oxford.]

[Note.—Although the deeds relating to Godstow property in Oxford are numerous, the estate of the convent there was comparatively unimportant, except in the extra-mural district of Walton and St. Giles. In Oxford proper the holdings were mostly pre-occupied by the older and greater foundations of St. Frideswyde's and Oseney; and Godstow had also to meet the competition of other religious houses near Oxford, as the Hospitals of St. Bartholomew and of St. John the Baptist, Abingdon Abbey, Einsham Abbey, Rewley Abbey, Studley Priory.

The compiler of the Latin Register arranged these deeds roughly by parishes. They have now been brought more strictly into order, and the extra-parochial deeds put by themselves in three sets:—

1. The deeds concerned with the controversy about tithes in the north suburb of Oxford between Godstow as rector of St. Giles's church and Oseney as rector of St. George's in the castle.

[1] At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow is found (*Monast.* iv. 372) paying 4*d.* to Richard Lovett as commutation-money for 1lb. of cummin, in Bloxham district, and therefore in all probability for this property.

2. The deeds concerned with the exchanges of land and quit-rents between Godstow and St. Frideswyde's priory.

3. A number of 'general' deeds, i.e. in which either the parish is not stated, or in which several parishes are brought together in one document.]

[1. Controversies between Godstow and Oseney.]

[493.] * A composicion bitwene the abbot and chanons of Oseney and the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe for the tythes of the men in Waltoñ and the parisshons and tythes of the xx. acris.

* leaf 93. A.D. 1192.

Before pope Celestine III's commissioners, Godstow's claim that certain tithes and parish-dues should go to St. Giles's church was accepted by Oseney,

THE sentence of this composicioñ is, that W. and W. of Cumbe[1] and of Tame[2], abbottis, considerynꝯ and willynꝯ that alł sholdꝯ know that, whan the contrauersies and strif was bitwene the abbot and chanons of Oseney and the abbesse and the holy mynchons of Godestowe vpon the tythes of the men of the forsaidꝯ Chanons in Waltoñ and the parisshens and tithes of the xx. acris[3], The Chanons affermynꝯ the same parisshens and tithes to perteyne and longe to the chirche of seynt Georgis the whicħ is there[4] of old right, The holy mynchons affermynꝯ the same parisshens and tithis to longe to the chirch of seynt Gyle, At the last the contrauersie happedꝯ and fortunedꝯ this maner of ende. For the abbot and chanons of Oseney, for the love of god and for the sake of the religioñ of the forsaidꝯ holy mynchons, graundꝯ to them, into perpetuel almesse, alł the forsaidꝯ parisshons and tithis to be holdꝯ of them (that is to sey, of the forsaidꝯ chanons) for euer, paiynꝯ therof yerely ij. sergis of iij. łi. of wexe, the whicħ, honestly araiedꝯ, thei ought to offre vpon the hye auter of our blissedꝯ lady seynt marye of Oseney, in the vigille of the assumpcion of her, afore evensonge. For this cause they, to the whicħ oure holy fadir pope Celestyñ the thirde commyttedꝯ this cause (or ple) to be herdꝯ and to be endedꝯ with a dew ende (appele I-put away), confermedꝯ this composicioñ afore put, by the auctorite I-yove to them of the pope self, and make hit sure with the puttynꝯ of there seales, the whicħ also was I-strengthedꝯ with the seales of bothe chapiters to more suerte. This composicion was I-made, the yere fro the incarnacioñ of oure lordꝯ Mł C lxxxxij.

in consideration of Godstow offering yearly two 3-lb. wax-candles at Oseney. [Assumption of Mary = Aug. 15.]

[1] Combe abbey in Warwickshire.

[2] William of Forde was abbot of Thame 1184–1205.

[3] 'The Twenty-acres' was land belonging to Oseney in the vicinity of Stockwell Street.

[4] i.e. theirs.

1388, Nov. 2.

[494.] Another composicion bitwene the same for tythys of dyuerse londis.

John Bokyngham, bishop of Lincoln (1362–98), recites the facts as to the controversy between Godstow and Oseney

THE sentence of this composicion is, that Iohn, by the grace of god bisshopp of lyncolne, willed to be know to all the children of our modir the chirche and to them that loke or se or to here thise lettres, that somtyme, when ther was a-spronge a dissencion or mater of question bitwene the religious men, Abbot and couent of the monastery of Oseneye of the ordir of seynt Austyn * of his diocise, in the name of theire monastery, And the abbesse and couent of Godestowe of his said diocise, in the name of their monastery, of the other parte, vpon the right of takyng and havyng tithys of shevys of j. pece of lond of dyuerse tenentis, the which is I-called chirchecrofte, liyng in the feld of walton, in brede fro the diche of denyscrofte of the north parte and the crofte I-called frerecrofte and the walle I-called carywalle of the south parte, and in lengthe hit strecchith hit-self fro the curtilage of dyuerse tenauntis of the parissh of seynt Giles (even ayenst the chirche of seynt Giles) of the Est parte vnto the kyngis hye-wey I called Stokwellestrete[1] comyng forth of the west parte. At the last the same parties, considerynge the harmes and expensis that myght come by the occasion of such maner discencion, submytted them-self purely and goodely and vttirly to the bisshoppis ordeynyng, decre, and diffynyng, behotyng (or promyttyng) for them and ther successours and ther monastery afore-them-self[2], to have hit saide[3] and sure for ever what-so-ever he ordeyned, decreed, or diffynyd in ony wise, aboute the takyng and havyng of the said tithis, or by occasion of the thyngis afore put, even as hit apperith of submyssions of the same parties, Tenouris of the which folow bynethe.

* leaf 93, back.

as to the tithes of Churchcroft, in the north suburb of Oxford,

which was submitted to his arbitration.

1387, Oct. 6.

Agreement of Godstow to abide by the award of the

[495.] Be hit know, by thise present lettres, to all peple, that, whan ther was begon a debate & mater of question, bitwene the abbesse of the monastery of Godestowe and the couent of the same place of the ordir of seynt benet, of lyncolne diocise, in the name of the same monastery, of the one parte, and

[1] Now Walton Street, in this part of it. Mr. Hurst thinks the name came from a staked-well in the modern Worcester Street.

[2] Read 'aforesaid.' The Latin is: 'et eorum monasterio praedicto.'

[3] The Latin is: 'ratum et firmum habituris.'

the religious men the abbot and couent of the monast*er*y of Oseney beside Oxenford of the ordir*e* of seynt Austyn, of lyncolne diocise aforesaid, in the name of the same monast*er*y, of the other
4 p*ar*te, vpon the right of takyng and havyng tythis of shevis comyng forth of the lond I-called chirchecrofte, the abbesse and the Couent forsaid seiyng tho tythis to owe of right to p*er*teyne to them and to ther monast*er*y of Godestowe, the forsaid abbot
8 and couent affermyng the same tythis to owe to p*er*teyne to them and ther monast*er*y aforsaide of right, they considred and vndirstode that ther shold come therof, by the occasion of such maner of discencion, not all-only dyu*er*se mevyngis, but also
12 (*with*-out any avoidyng) harmes and expensis, willed[1] to avoide more warely such maner of harmes and expensis ther*e* and therof, submytted them, ther*e* successours, and ther monast*er*y aforesaid, by this p*re*sent lettres, purely willefully and vttirly to
16 the ordeynyng of the worshipfull fadir and lord, lord Iohn by the grace of god bisshop of lyncolne, and to his decre and diffynycion in all thyngis aboute the right of takyng and of havyng the said tythis or the takyng of them. They p*ro*mytted
20 for them and ther successours and ther*e* monast*er*y aforsaid, they to haue I-said and ferme or sure, for*e* in tyme to come, what-so-ever thynge the forsaid worshipfull fadir, by ordynarye
* right or[2] of his bisshopis office longyng to hym, of playn and
24 W*ith*out Iudiciall noyse of Iuge or figure of Iugement, aboute the takyng and havyng the said tythis or the takyng of the same, Also how-so-eu*er* wold ordeyn, decre, or diffyne in ony wyse, by the occasion of the p*ro*mysed thyngis: into the wit-
28 nesse of the which, ther co*m*mune seale was I-honged to thise p*re*sent let*t*res by them. The date at Godestowe, in ther Chapit*er* house, the sixte day of the month of Octobr*e*, The yere of our lord a thousand iij. hundred iiij^{xx}. vij.

diocesan, in the dispute with Oseney Abbey about tithes in Walton,

to avoid expenses.

* leaf 94.

[496.] Next to this folowyth the Submyssion of the abbot and couent of Oseney to abide the ordeynyng, 1387.

32 Decree, and diffynycion, of the bisshop, for the discencion and mat*er* of question bitwene them and the abbesse and

Similar agreement by Oseney Abbey.

[1] Read 'willing.'

[2] The clause is an explanation of 'ordynarye.' The Latin runs: 'iure ordinario seu ex incumbenti sibi pastorali officio, de plano, et absque strepitu iudiciorum seu figura iudicii.'

mynchons of Godestowe. And the tenoure therof is even like worde for worde to the tenour of the submycion of the abbesse and mynchons afore I-write, And therfor hit nedith not to write hit. 4

1388. **[497.] Here begynneth the sentence of the Bisshop.**

Award by the diocesan,

THE bisshop after he had first I-considred tho thynges that were to be attended in the afore-put thyngis, and a solemne and diligent trete before I-had, the which was nedefull and requysit in that parte of right, desired, as he ought specially, pease and 8 rest of tho parties and profite bothe of the persones and monasteryes aforsaid to ordeyn and to decree, as is I-write with-yn, whan he had I-sey theire evydent subiecciou of the consent of all and euerych the which hit be-falled to consent in this 12 parte, he yaf the sentence vndir this forme.

[498.] The sentence and Iugement.

assigning to Oseney Abbey the tithes of certain crofts and portions of fields,

In dei nomine amen. This he thought to be ordeyned, decreid, auctorize[d], and to be diffynyd, that the abbot and the covent of the monastery of Oseney aforsaid in ther tyme and 16 ther successours in the monastery aforsaid that[1] shold be for ther tyme, [should[2] take] the said tythis of the said lond I-called chirchecrofte (vpon the which began the discord and discencion bitwene the parties aforsaid); And also the tythes of 20 the shevys of half a but of lond (the which is the forere of larkehull in the southe parte, and lieth bitwene thysteldeu and larkehull: of the which forere the said abbesse and couent were I-wonyd to take the tythis that come therof), in the tymes 24 to come, by there right, fro this tyme now forthe, holy shold gadir by them-self and there seruantis and take the said tithys for euer in the name of the monastery of Oseney aforsaid, and shold dispose of them frely and pesibly after theire owne good wille. 28

and to Godstow the tithes of certain other strips of the arable

[499.] The sentence and Iugement for the abbesse parte.

AND the forsaid abbesse and couent of the monastery of Godestow aforsaid and ther successours in the monastery of

[1] i.e. 'who shall be for the time being.' [2] Added from the Latin.

Godestowe aforsaid, the which shold be for ther tyme, the tythis of the shevys of j. pece of lond I-called sevenacre, liyng in the feld of walton, in brode bitwene the kyngis hye-wey I-called wodestok, wey of the west parte and a furlonge of the said abbottis and couent I-called honyforlonge vpon the Est parte, And in length hit strecchith hit-self fro * Hawkelowedyche fro the Northe parte vnto the lond of the same abbesse of þe Southe parte ; Also the tythis of ix. buttis I-called Sydlyngis, liyng at the lowsy thorn, bitwene j. acre of lond of the same abbesse beside the kyngis hye-wey I-called Banneburye wey in brede of the Est parte and j. pece of lond of the same abbesse of the other parte, and in length hit strecchith hit-self vnto j. pece of lond of the said abbottis of Oseney of the northe parte I-called Aylardeslonde ; and also the tythes of sheves of vij. buttis liyng at pulewelle, in lengthe bitwene j. marke of the northe parte and the lond of dyuerse tenauntis of the said abbesse and other of the south parte, and strecchith hit-self fro a mede I-called northeham of the Est parte vn-to the wey I-called Eton way of the west parte, of the which the abbot and Couent aforesaid were I-woned to take the tythis of sheves into rewarde of ther tythys (vpon the which the discencion began bitwene parties aforseid) ; And the said tythis of the butte (that is to sey, of the forere) that come forthe therof, in the tymys to come, for ther right, fro that tyme forthe, the mynchons shold gadir by them-self or by ther seruantis, holy take them, and haue in the name of the monastery of Godestowe aforsaid, and dispose them frely and pesibly aftir ther owne wille.

fields in Walton,

* leaf 94, back.

and the north suburb of Oxford.

[Water-eaton near Oxford.]

[500.] Furthermore the bisshop ordeyned and pronunsed that nother parties of the forsaid parties ne no persone of them shold lette, or yeve impedyment, vpon the gaderyng or takyng of tythis aforsaid, openly or priuely, by them-self or other, that bothe partis or eny parte of the forsaid parties mow take and have the aboueseid tythis after the ordenaunce of the bisshop abouesaid for ever. And yf ony parte of the partis a-forsaid or of there successours, or ony other persone of comaundement or biddyng of the othere of the same, in tymys to come, lette or [yeve] impediment vpon the gaderyng or takyng of the tythis aforsaid ayenst his ordenaunce in this parte in ony wise, he willed

Godstow and Oseney ordered to carry out these arrangements in a friendly manner,

under penalty of £5 to be paid by the transgressor, in St. Mary's Church, to the injured party,

and, in case of delay to pay the above fine, of a further sum of £1 10*s.* to the injured party, and £1 10*s.* to the fabric of Lincoln Minster.

and ordeyned̃ by this p*re*sent lettres that the pa*r*te lettyng̃ shold̃ pay w*it*hout lenger differryng̃ to the pa*r*tie that is I-lette, w*it*h-yn iij. daies immediatly or next folowyng̃ suche maner lette, in the chirche of the blissed̃ virgyn̄ marye of Oxon̄ C. s*hillings* of sterlyng*es* of lawfull̃ and vsuell̃ money rynnyng̃ in Inglond̃. And yf hit falle or happe the pa*r*ty lettyng̃, as hit is I-said̃ afore, to faile in all̃ or in pa*r*te in the paiyng̃ of the said̃ C. s*hillings* by x. dayes next or i*m*mediatly folowyng̃ the said̃ iij. dayes (that god forbede), the pa*r*ty abouesaid̃ lettyng̃ shold̃ paie to the pa*r*tie I-letted̃ xxx. s*hillings* of siluer in the said̃ chirche of our lady and other xxx. s*hillings* to the makyng̃ of the chirch̃ of lyncolne, his ordeynyng̃ p*re*sent yit abidyng̃ sure. Al so ofte that such̃ impediment is I-do, the pa*r*ty lettyng̃ was and is I-bound̃ to pay, w*it*h-in x. dayes after such̃ maner of lettyng̃ I-do ayenst his ordeynyng̃ abouesaid̃, in the name of a payne. Into witnesse of all̃ and euerich̃, the bisshop̄p̄s seale was I-hanged̃ to [1], to this his ordeynyng̃ I-delyuered̃ to bothe pa*r*ties abouesaid̃ by the maner of an endenture. And to ever-lastyng̃ mynde of the thynge he made to be registred̃ this his owne * ordeynyng̃ in his registre, and comaunded̃ hit to be made more sure w*it*h the Co*m*mune selis of the forsaid̃ pa*r*ties. And the pa*r*ties aforsaid̃, of the Co*m*mune consent and assent of them-self and of ther bothe Chapit*er*s, put to, eu*er*ych̃ to other, to this ordeynyng̃ indented̃ ther co*m*mune selis. The date and I-acted̃ by the bisshop in his chapell̃ w*it*hin his Castell̃ of Sleford̃, the second̃ day of the monthe of Nouembr*e*, vndir the yere fro the Incarnacion̄ of oure lord̃ aftir the course and countyng̃ of the chirch̃ of Inglond̃ a thousand̃ CCC foure score and viij., the xij. Indiccion̄, of the popehode of the most holy fadir in crist and lord̃ our*e* lord̃ Vrban by the grace of god the sixte the xj. yere, And the xxvj. yere of the bisshoppis consecracion̄. There beyng̃ p*re*sent worshipfull̃ and discrete men, Maisters Brandon̄ of the Cathedrall̃ chirch̃ of lichefeld̃ and Io*h*n Botlis-*h*am of his chirche of lyncolne, Chanons, wytnessis I-called̃ to the fore-put thyngis.

* leaf 95. This decision was engrossed in the bishop's register.

[1] A stop is placed here in the MS.

[2. Exchanges with St. Frideswyde's Priory.]

[501.] * A Charter of Robert Priour of Seynt Frideswith I-made to the chirch of Godestowe for arable lond with the pertynentis the which they had somtyme of the yifte of Symond Balehorne, & *cetera*.

* leaf 143. About 1260.

Godstow exchanged property in St. Clement's parish for St. Frideswyde's property in Walton and Beaumont: Godstow receiving (*a*) Simon Balehorn's land, (*b*) Denise Borewald's land; Godstow giving (*a*) land in St. Clement's, reserving Boy-mill and right of way to it, (*b*) part of Wolward's-well near Wolvercot, reserving the tithe.

THE sentence of this charter[1] is, that Robert, priour, and the couente of seynt Frideswith of Oxenford, for them and ther successours, graunted, yaf, and confermed with ther writyng, to
4 the chirch of Godestowe and to Emme abbesse and couente of the same place, all ther arable lond, with all his pertynentis, the which they had somtyme of the yifte of Symond Balehorn without the north yate of Oxenford in the feldes of Walton and
8 Bewmount, as hit is departed in the charters the which he made fully to them therof; Also they graunted, to the same abbesse and Couente and to ther chirche aforsaid, all the lond, with his pertynentis, the which they had of the yifte of Denyse Borewold
12 in the feldes aboue I-named, after the tenour of the charter the which she made therof to them,

into an eschaunge of the lond of the said abbesse and couente of Godestowe, the which they had and held with-out the Est
16 yate of Oxenford in seynt Clementis parisshe, savyng to them the wey toward the mylle of Boymylle as goodly and as frely as they had hit in ony tyme; And they filled the defawte of the lond, of ther parte, fully in that tilthe the which is next to
20 the towne of Wolgarecote that is I-called Wolwardeswelle, savyng to them the tilthe[2] therof comyng.

Wherfor they willed that the chirch of Godestowe, thabbesse, and Couente of the same place, shold haue and hold for euer,
24 the forsaid londes, with all ther pertynentis, esementis, pastures, and commune, with all fredomes al so moche as longeth to the said londes and that towched them, into eschaunge of ther lond as hit is abouesaid. And the forsaid Priour and Couente and
28 ther chirch warantized the forsaid londes, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid abbesse and Covente and to their chirch for evere, defended and aquyted ayenst all men, fro

[1] Wigram's *Cartulary of St. Frideswide*, i. 426. [2] Read 'tithe.'

all seruyce seculere, sutes, hundredis, and Courtis, that they shold not rynne into harme, gref, or disese, by occasion of the forsaid londes. And yf hit happened in ony tyme, that for the warantizyng of the forsaid londes ony eschaunge behoved to be made in the forsaid tilthe, hit shold be fulfilled all by the extente[1] of feithfull men, I-chose of bothe parties. And that all thise thynges, & *cetera*. 4

Agreement to submit to arbitration, if the exchange has to be modified.

About 1240.

[502.] A Charter of Denyse Borewalde, I-made to the chirch of Seynt Frideswith for xv. acres of arable londe, & *cetera*.

Grant to St. Frideswyde's Priory, by Denise Borewald,

THE sentence of this charter[2] is, that Denyse Borewalde, in her lawfull wedowhode and full power, yaf, & *cetera*, to god and to the chirche of seynte Frideswith of Oxenford and to the Couente ther seruyng god, for the helthe of her sowle and of all her auncetours and successours, into fre and perpetuell almesse, xv. acres of arable lond in the felde without the borough of Oxenford of the north parte: of the which, one [half] acre lieth in Walton crofte, * bitwene the lond of Aleyn Stampe of the sowthe parte and the lond of knyghtwyn of the north parte; and an acre lieth in the tilthe the which is called Trippenhak, beside the lond of Axcilde Pretor or mayere of the north side; and one half acre lieth in a tilthe that is I-called Middekepyn, beside the lond of thabbesse of Godestowe; and one half acre lieth in a tilthe that is I-called hundreweye[3], beside the lond of henry Wyke of the Southe parte; and one halfe acre lieth in a tilthe that is I-called 'Southannorde,' beside the lond of the forsaid henry of the west parte; and one [half] acre lieth in a tilthe, the which is beside the mede ayenst halkewere, beside the lond of the forsaide henry of the sowthe; and one acre lieth in a tilthe that is aboue halkewere, bitwene the lond of the abbot of Oseneye, the which is vpon bothe sides; and j. half acre, that is in a tilthe that is I-called Thoeathamweye, beside the lond of the said abbesse of the north parte; and one acre in the same tilthe, next to the lond of the same henry of the southe parte; and vj. acres, the whiche lye in the tilthe that is called 8 12 16 20 24 28 32

of 15 acres in the north suburb, lying in separate strips,

* leaf 143, back.

[= South-and-North.]

[= The (Water) Eaton (?) way.]

[1] Latin 'per extensionem.'

[2] Wigram, i. 427.

[3] 'Himereweye,' in St. Frideswyde's Cartulary.

Northam, beside the lond' of the forsaid' abbesse of the south *parte*; [and[1] half an acre in the tilth over Northam, beside the lond of the foresaid Henry of the south part;] And half an acre
4 in the tilthe that is I-called' Wodych, bitwene the lond' of the forsaid' henry of the south *parte* and the londe of William Eaton of the north *parte*; Also half an acre in the same tilthe, bitwene the lond' of the said' henry and the lond' of Walt*er* Cuddelynge;
8 Also ij. half acres in a tilthe that is ayenst the brynke of merston, amonge[2] the which j. half acre of the forsaid' henry lieth; And halfe an acre beside Bradmore, bitwene the lond' of the forsaid' henry and the lond' of Alice, wedowe. Also she
12 graunted' and yaf, to the forsaide Chanons, all the right that she had', or myght haue, for her and her*e* heires, in vj. acris of lond', of the which William Woldewarde held' iij. for xvj. d'. o*bolus* to be paid' at ij. t*er*mes, that is to sey, viij. d'. q*uadrans* at Mighel-
16 masse and viij. d'. q*uadrans* at our lady day in marche, And Hersute that was the wyf of William Iordon held' iij. for xv. d'. to be paid' atte said' t*er*mes, the which rente the said' William and Hersute and there heires shold' paye to the said' chanons or
20 to ther attorneyes for eu*er*, Savyng thurgh all thynges the fee and heritage of tho aforsaide. Wherfor she willed' the forsaid' Chanons shold' have and holde all the forsaid' londes and rentes, w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis, as free and p*er*petuell almesse, yeldyng
24 therof yerely to the chief lord' xviij. d' at Mighelmasse and xviij. d'. at our lady day in marche, for all seruyce and seculer exaccion. And denyse and her heires warantized' all the forsaid' thynges to the said' Chanons ayenst all men and women for eu*er*.
28 Into witnesse of which thynge, & c*etera*.

[= Marston.]

also of quit-rents, with reversionary rights, over other properties there.

[503.] A Chart*er* of Molde the doughter of Aluerdebocher I-made to Symon Balehorn for x. buttis of arable londe, & c*etera*.

About 1230.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that moolde, the doughter of Aluerd', Bocher, graunted' lete delyu*er*ed' & c*etera* to Symon Balehorn[3] of Oxon * x. buttes of arable lond', w*ith* all ther

Sale to Simon Balehorn, * leaf 144.

[1] Omitted in MS.; added from St. Frideswyde's Cartulary, to make up the 15 acres.

[2] Latin 'inter,' i. e. between.

[3] Wigram, i. 422.

by Maud, daughter of Alured, of 10 'butts' (irregular pieces of land), in the north suburb.

pertynentis, the which were of the South parte beside the Buttes the which were somtyme of Symon Scemere, and strecchith hym-self vnto[1] 'ix. acres' of the one parte, and on the othere parte they strecche into the wey that lieth beside[2] the towne of Oxon and Water Eton: To be had and to be holde, to hym and to his heires and to whom-so-euer he wold assigne hit, of hym and his heires for euer, frely quyetly holy pesibly and worshipfully, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lord of the fee xv. d. at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at oure lady day in marche vij. d. obolus and at Mighelmas vij. d. obolus, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the saide Moolde and her heires warantized the forsaid x. buttis, with all pere pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Symon yaf to her xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis to her grete nede. And for-asmoche that she willed that all these thynges, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £1.

About 1230.

[504.] A Charter of Richard fitz Gilbert Smyth I-made to Symon Balehorne for one acre I-called hedeacre.

Sale to Simon Balehorn, by Richard fitz Gilbert smith, of an acre in Bradmore.

THE sentence of this charter[3] is, that Richard fitz Gilbert Smyth graunted, lete, and delyuered, to Symon Balehorne his one acre, with all his pertynentis, the which is I-called heued-acre: the which lieth in the feld that is I-called Brademore, and strecchith hit-self in thurte[4] ouer the feld in length toward the southe and towarde the northe, and marchith toward the north at the hede hedeacre the which was somtyme of Symon Semere: To be had and to be holde, to hym and to his heires and to whom he wold assigne hit, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires vj. d. at Mighelmasse for all seruyce and exaccion; and Richard and his heires warantized the forsaid Hedeacre, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Symon and to his heires and to whom he wold assigne hit ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, he yaf to hym xxij. *shillings* into warison. And for-as-moche that he willed all thynge to be sure, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £2 2s.

[1] i. e. a field called 'Nine-acres.'
[2] Latin 'inter,' i. e. between.
[3] Wigram, i. 422.
[4] Latin = 'in transverso campi.'

[505.] A Charter of henry fitz lowys I-made to Symon Balehorn for ij. acris of arable londe, & *cetera*. About 1230.

THE sentence of this charter is that henry fitz lowys[1] graunted, lete, and delyuered, to Symon Balehorn of Oxenford ij. acris of arable lond, with all ther pertynentis, the which lye in the felde that is I-called Brademore, beside the abbesse lond of Godestowe of the north parte, and strecchith hit-self in lengthe of the one parte toward the west vnto the half acre the which was of henry of the Wyke, and strecchith hem-self of the other parte toward the Est vnto the mede of the abbesse of Godestowe: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires and to his assignes, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly pesibly worshipfully and holy, yeldyng therof yerely * to hym and to his heires viij. d. at Mighelmasse for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the forsaid henry and his heires warantized to the forsaid Symon and to his heires and to his assignes the forsaid ij. acres, with all there pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the said Symon yaf to hym xvj. *shillings* of sterlyngis and viij. d. into warison. And *þat*, & *cetera*.

Sale to Simon Balehorn, by Henry son of Lewis, of 2 acres in Bradmore.

* leaf 144, back.

Purchase-money, 16*s.* 8*d.*

[506.] A Charter of Raaf Stonard, kynnysman of William of Wolgarecote, I-made to Symon Balehorne and to William Miller for j. acre lond. About 1230.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Stonard[2], kynnesman[3] of willia*m* of wolgarecote, graunted, lete, and delyuered, to Symon Balehorne and to William Millere, one acre of lond, the which lieth behynde the lond of William Wolgarecote and behynde his lond, the which acre holdeth in lengthe xxxij. roddis and iiij. fote of the kyngis standard, in seynt Gyles parissh in the subarbes of Oxenford, to them and to ther heires, to be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires xij. d. at ij. termes of the yere, for all seruyce and exaccion, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. d and at our lady day in marche vj. d; and he and his heires warantized the

Sale to Simon Balehorn and William miller, by Ralph Stonard, of one acre in St. Giles.

Quit-rent, 1*s.* yearly.

[1] Wigram, i. 423. [2] Wigram, i. 424. [3] Latin is 'gener.'

forsaid acre, *with* his *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Symon and William, and to their*e* heires, or to whom they wold assigne hit, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Symon and William yaf to hym xiiij. *shillings* vj. d. into warison. And that, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, 14*s.* 6*d.*

About 1230.

[507.] A Chart*er* of Roger Waterman I-made to Symon Balehorne for alle his londes, & *cetera*.

Sale to Simon Balehorn, by Roger waterman, of superiority over land in St. Giles

THE sentence of this chart*er* is that Roger Waterman[1] *gra*unted lete and delyu*er*ed, & *cetera*, to Symon Balehorn of Oxenford, all his lond, *with* all his *per*tynentis, the which Osmond held of hym, the which lond lieth bitwene the lond of Thomas fitz Wat*er* and the lond of Alisaundre Mason, in seynt Gyles parissh *with*out the north yate of Oxenford: So nathelesse that the said Osmond held the forsaid lond of the forsaid Symon and his heires or his assignes. Also he graunted to hym all his arable lond, *with* his *per*tynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Semer*e* and the new diche, of the fee of the abbesse of Godestowe, in the forsaid parissh: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to hym and his heires or to whom he wold assigne hit, in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly pesibly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires xij. d. at Mighelmas, for all *ser*uyce, custome, and exaccion. And the forsaid Roger and his heires warantized all the forsaid londes to the forsaid Symon, and to his heir*es*, or to whom he wold assigne hit, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Symon yaf to hym iiij. mark, and j. half of siluer into warison. And for-asmoch as he willed *þat* all thise *þynges*, & *cetera*.

and of tenancy of Godstow land there.

Quit-rent, 1*s.* yearly.

Purchase-money, £3.

1241, April 5.

[508.] A Chart*er* of Symon Balehorne I-made to the chirche of seynt Frideswithe for all his londes and rentes, & *cetera*.

Grant to St. Frideswyde's

THE sentence of this euydence is that Symon Balehorn, for goddis sake and for the helthe of his soule yaf, & *cetera*, to god and to the chirche of * Seynt Frideswith of Oxenford

* leaf 145.

[1] Wigram, i. 423.

and to the chanons there seruyng god now beyng and to be, into fre and perpetuel almesse, all his londes and rentes[1] with ther pertynentis, that is to sey, ij. acres that lieth in the feld that is I-called Brademore nexte to the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe of the north parte; and j. acre that is I-called the heuedacre the which lieth in the feld of Brademore; and all the arable lond the which was of Roger Waterman, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Semere and the new dich, of the fee of the abbesse of Godestowe; and all the lond that Osmonde myller helde of hym, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Thomas fitz Walter and the lond of Alisaundre Mason, Savyng the fee of the saide Osmonde to hym and to his heires; And x. buttis of arable lond the [2] [which] lye beside the buttis that were somtyme of Symon Semere; And iij. acris, of the which one lieth and strecchith hit-self vnto the hede acre I-called the heuedacre, And ij. acris the which strecchith them-self into the forsaid heuedacre, the whiche were of the fee of hastel[3] marchaunte; And ij. buttes, the which lien behynde the kyngis halle, with the bildyngis above I-bilded, and half j. acre there-with, half I-bilded: To be had and to be holde, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, to them and to ther successours as[4] to ther assignes, yeldyng for the said tenementis seruyces, the which ben I-conteyned fully in the charters of the yevers, the which he had and delyuered to the same assignes. And Symon and his heires warantized for euer all the forsaid tenementis with all her pertynentis to the forsaid chanons ayenst all men and women. And he made this warantizyng to the forsaid Chanons, the v. day of April, the xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kynge Iohn.

Priory, by Simon Balehorn, of no. 505, and no. 504, and no. 507, and no. 503, and other lands and buildings in Walton. [= Beaumont Palace.] [Transference of deeds.]

[509.] *A Charter of a couenaunte I-made bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and the priour of seynt Frideswith, the which priour quyte-claymed to the abbesse all rentis that the abbesse was I-wonyd to pay to þem.

*leaf 141, back. 1286, Nov. 1.

THE sentence of this couenaunte[5] is, that at the fest of Alhalewyn, the yere of our lord a thousand two hundred foure

Exchange by Godstow with St.

[1] Wigram, i. 424. [2] See note 1, p. 410.
[3] 'Axcilde praetor' in no. 502: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 350.
[4] Read 'and.' [5] Wigram, i. 121.

Frideswyde's Priory of quit-rents, * leaf 142.

score and vj. and the xiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward, hit was accorded, bitwene broþer Robert Ewelme, priour at that tyme of seynt Frideswith of Oxenford, and * the Couente of the same place, of the one parte, and Mabile Wafre, at that tyme abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, of the other parte, that is to sey, that the seid Robert priour and Couente of the forsaid hous of seynt Frideswyth lete, graunted, and quyte-claymed for them and for [1] þere successours, as into a perpetuel eschaunge, to the forsaid abbesse of Godestow and to the Couente of the same place and to ther successours, all the rentes the which the forsaid abbesse and Couente were I-wonyd to pay to the forsaid priour and Couente of seynt Frideswith yerely at our lady day in marche and at Mighelmasse by even porcions, for all ther tenementis with-in the towne of Oxenford or with-out, that is to sey, of the house somtyme of Stephyn Bisshop, the which is I-called Shiphalle, in seynt Frideswith parissh, ij. *shillings*; of the hous of hugh Palmer in seynt Mighell parissh of the sowthe, ij. *shillings*; of the selde of hugh Palmer, in the Cordewaynrye, in seynt Mighell parissh of the sowthe [2], x. *shillings* iij. d.; of the house somtyme of Stephyn Bisshop, in seynt Iohn Baptist parissh, the which is I-called Elmenehalle, ij. *shillings*;

St. Frideswyde's giving up 16*s.* 3*d.* in superiorities over Godstow property, viz. (*a*) 'Ship hall' in St. Frideswyde's parish, 2*s.*; (*b*) house in St. Michael's, South Gate, 2*s.*; (*c*) seld in the Cordwainry, 10*s.* 3*d.*; (*d*) 'Elmen hall' in St. John Bapt. parish, 2*s.*; but retaining 1*s.* 9*d.* on the seld in the Cordwainry and 2*s.* 3*d.* on 'Spalding's Entry' (as in no. 563). Godstow acquitting St. Frideswyde's of 16*s.* 3*d.* in charges over St. Frideswyde's

ou[t]take iiij. *shillings* yerely to be resceived to the forsaid priour and Couente of seynt Frideswith and to ther successours for euer of ij. tenementis in Oxenford: that is to sey, of the seld that was somtyme of hugh Palmer, in Cordewaynere, xx. *shillings* [3] j. d. at ij. termes of the yere by even porcions, that is to sey, at oure lady day in marche, and at Mighelmasse; And of the tenemente that somtyme Adam Spaldyng held in seynt Frideswith parissh, ij. *shillings* iij. d, at the same termes by even porcions;

like-wise the forsaid abbesse and Covente of Godestowe, for them and ther successours, lete, graunted, and vtterly quyte-claymed for euer, as into an eschaunge, to the forsaid priour and Couente of seynt Frideswith and to ther successours, vj. *shillings* viij. d, the which Iohn Payne of knyghton was I-woned to paye yerely to the forsaid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe; And

[1] MS. 'to.' [2] Read 'north': 'borealis' in the Latin.
[3] in error for 'xxid.'

xviij. d', the which the baillifes w*ith*out the north yate of Oxenford' were I-woned' to resceive for the lond' that was somtyme of Denyse Borewalde yerely at our lady day in marche; and vj. d', the which the said' baillifes were I-woned' to resceive at the same t*er*me for heuedacre; and vij. d', the which the said' baillifes were I-woned' to resceive at the same t*er*me for buttes; And ij. s*hillings* vij. d', the which the said' baillifes were I-woned' to resceive by yere at Mighelmasse for the lond' of Denyse Borewald' and heuedacre; And viij. d', the which the heires of henry Baker were I-woned' to resceive yerely at the fest of seynt Petir ad vinc*u*la for londes in bewmont; And xviij. d', [with] ij. hennes or iij. d', the which the heires of william Cuddyng were I-woned' to resceive by yere at our lady day and at Mighelmasse by even porcions [for[1] lands in Beaumont; and of the place formerly of Cerle] in seynt Petir parissh of the Est, ij. s*hillings* at the same t*er*mes. And that all thise thynges, & *cetera*.

property, viz. (*a*) 6*s*. 8*d*. in Knighton, Berkshire (no. 16–18); (*b*) sums of 1*s*. 6*d*., 6*d*., 7*d*., 2*s*. 7*d*. due by lands outside North Gate; (*c*) sums of 8*d*. and 1*s*. 9*d*. due by land in Beaumont; [payment by poultry.] [a hen valued at 1½*d*.] (*d*) 2*s*. due by land in St. Peter's in the East.

[510.] * An endenture I-made bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and the priour of seynt Frideswith for boymylle.

* leaf 142. 1358, May 10.

THE sentence of this endenture[2] is, that ther was a couenaunte I-made * bitwene the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of the one p*ar*te, and the p*r*ioure and Couente of seynt Frideswith of the other p*ar*te, that is to sey, that the forsaid' abbesse and Couente and the forsaid' priour and Couente accorded' in the maner vndirwritten; that is to sey, that the said' abbesse and Couent shold' yeve and graunte, to the forsaid' priour and Couente, one place of a site of a mylle, I-called' Boymylle, w*ith* all the Iles, wat*er*s, fysshewerés, lokes, weres[3], longyng to the site of the said' place of the mylle, And also ij. buttes of lond' I-called' the mylle acre; w*ith* ij. places in gruggesete[4], wherof one lieth bitwene the abbot of Oseney tenement of the Est p*ar*te and the pathe ledyng toward' yiftele[5] of the west p*ar*te, And anoþ*er* place lieth ayenst streight Gollesshepene[6], bitwene

Exchange between * leaf 142, back. Godstow and St. Frideswyde's Priory, Godstow giving (*a*) Boy-mill (no. 501) and pertinents, (*b*) two places in St. Clement's parish,

[1] Line omitted in MS., supplied from St. Frideswyde's Cartulary.

[2] Wigram's *Cartulary of St. Frideswide*, i. 472.

[3] Latin 'viis' = 'ways.'

[4] 'Brugset,' i. e. the district east of Magdalen Bridge, in St. Clement's parish.

[5] Iffley.

[6] Bollshipton, now Headington Hall South Park [Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 283].

the tenemente of Richard Deye of the Est parte and the tenement of Iohn Glouer of the west parte; with all that lond liyng in Wolgarecote feld, I-called Twysdelowe, and the commune of the same lond, with fre entryng and goyng out to the same, with all his pertynentis: To be had and to be hold, to the said priour and Couente and to ther successours for euer, into an eschaunge of lond and mede I-called Dilmereswelle, horestone, and hawslondich, the which the said priour and Couente yave and graunted to the seid abbesse and Couente and to ther successours for euer, savyng euermore to the said priour and Couente and to ther successours the tythe of the lond and of the mede of Dilmereswelle: To be had and to be hold, to the said abbesse and Couente and to ther successours for euer. Also the said abbesse and Couente and priour and Couente aforsaid accorded that either party myght do frely ther owne profite in all thynges touchyng the said eschaunge, without ony acquyteyng of bothe parties, as hit is I-said aboue, tille the said parties myght lawfully opteyne licence of the kyng (with commune costes of them) and of other the which had to entermete in that parte of the fore eschaunge to be made. And that all these thyngis shold be I-fulfilled wele and truly, the said parties bounde them-self euerych to other in ij. hundred pound of sterlyngis, vndir this condicion, that yf the parties aforsaid come not[1] agayn the said couenauntes in ony thynge, the said obligacion shold abide surely in his strength. Into witnesse of the which the forsaid parties put there seales to euerych others writyng. The date, the thursday in the Ascencion of our lord, the xxxij. yere of the regne of kyng Edward the thirde after the conqueste.

(c) land at Wolvercot, with attached right of pasture,

Godstow taking in exchange Ailmer's-well, and other lands in Walton, without the tithe of Ailmer's-well.

The lands to be treated as already exchanged, pending the obtaining licences in mortmain.

Obligation in £200 to observe this agreement.

Reference to no. 502.

[511. Denyse Burewold's lands, and the deeds relating to them.]

Furthermore hit is to be noted that the forsaid chirch of seynt Frideswith had ther, of ye yifte of Denyse Borewold, xxvj. acris of lond, the charters of the which ben not I-writte here, for the chirch of Godestowe hath them and holdeth into an eschange * for there londes, the which they had in Seynt

* leaf 143.

[1] Omit 'not': Latin 'contraveniant.'

Clementis parissh of Oxenford, as hit is I-shewed I-vndrewritte[1] of the same.

[3. Deeds not referring distinctly to one parish.]

[512.] * A Charter of Robert Doylle for a mede that is I-called Lambeye and one busshell of whete of the mylles vndir the Castell of Oxon. The parissh of Seynt Thomas[2]. * leaf 139. A.D. 113⅜.

Grant to Godstow, by Robert Doyly, of half of Lambey meadow, and a dole from Oxford Castle mills.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert Doylle, for the
4 sowles of his auncetours and for the helthe of his owne sowle and of his wyfes sowle and also of his children, graunted and yaf, into perpetuell almesse, to god and to oure lady and to seynt Iohn Baptist and to the chirche of Godestow and to the mynchons
8 ther seruyng god, [half of] a mede that is I-called lambeye, and a busshell of whete of the mylles vndir the castell of Oxenford euery yere to be I-paid, frely and quyetly fro all seculer seruyce. Thise beyng witnesses, & *cetera*.

[NOTE.—Robert Doyly died about 1142. Reginald of St. Valerie (no. 878, § 15) gave the other half of Lambey. At the dissolution (*Monast.* iv. 370) Godstow still possessed Great Lambeie, 8 acres, worth yearly 1*s.* 8*d.* an acre, and Little Lambeie, 5 acres, worth 2*s.* 4*d.* an acre.]

[Rent-charge of Hugh of Tew.]

[513.] * A Charter of Water of Tywe and Emelyne his wyf, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for ix. *shillings* of rente in Oxenforde. * leaf 154. About 1150.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Walter of Tew, of 9*s.* rent-charge given in 113⅜ by his father Hugh. [Nun's dower.]

12 THE sentence of this charter is, that Water of Tywe and his wyf Emelyne and his heires yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, into perpetuel almesse, ther lond of Oxenford, that is to sey, ix. *shillings* worth,
16 the which his fadir hugh of Tywe and his modir Mabile yaf to the same chirche with ther doughter. And they willed that the forsaid chirch and mynchons shold hold hit, frely and quyetly and stedfastly fro all seculer seruyce and exaccion for euer.
20 These beyng, & *cetera*.

[1] Now on p. 371.

[2] The Castle mills were there.

Duplicate of no. 513.

[514.] A-nother Charter of the same, worde by worde, & *cetera*.

[John Kepeharme's land.]

* leaf 132, back. About 1170.

[515.] * A Charter of Symond, Preest of seynt Petir, to Iohn kepeharme, for all his londe in Oxenford.

Sale to John Kepeharme, by Simon, priest of St. Peter's, [Knights of St. John of Jerusalem.] of land and a parti-wall.

THE sentence of this charter is that Symon, preste of seynt Petir, graunted, lete, and delyuered, to Iohn kepeharme his lond, the which is bitwene ther lond where he dwelleth the which Walter Crompe helde of the hospital of Ierusalem, that lond 4 aforsaid, with the half of the gabill of his house where he dwelled so that the gable shold be to theym commune, he graunted also, as hit is afore I-said, and lete, to the fore-named Iohn, in length and in brede as the chambre the which is aboue 8 the grounde yeveth, and in depyth vnto the grounde the which he yaf vnto the hospitall of seynt Iohn at the Est yate of Oxenford the which Agamond Bolter held, to hym and to his heires, surely and stedfastly in fee and in heritage, frely quyetly and 12 worshipfully, yeldyng therof yerely j. d at Mighelmasse for all seruyce. And for this graunte and yifte of the forsaid diuided ground the afore-named Iohn yaf to hym lx. *shillings* of recognycion. And he and his heires warantized the forsaid lond to the 16 forsaid Iohn and to his heires ayenst all men: and that the afore-write couenaunte of hym and his heires shold be sure for euer, to hym and to his heires, Symond, preest, strengthed hit with the witnesse of his seale, & *cetera*. 20

Quit-rent, 1*d*. yearly.

Purchase-money, £3.

[NOTE.—This deed comes after no. 566 in the MS., and is the last deed in the St. Frideswyde's parish set. There is, however, nothing definite to identify the land with that parish, nor to show how it came to Godstow. The seller appears among the witnesses to no. 516: viz.—Walcheline, abbot of Abingdon, 1159–64; Godfrey, abbot of Einsham, 1155–80; Wigod, abbot of Oseney; Alfred, abbot of Dorchester; Ralph of St. Martin's, dean of Oxford; Simon, priest of St. Peter.]

[Gift of Henry of Oxford.]

* leaf 92. About 1164.

[516.] * A Charter of henry Oxenford the Whiche yaf to theym j. hide of lond in Walton.

Grant to Godstow, by Henry of

THE sentence of this charter is, that henry of Oxenford, with the assent and graunte of his most dere lord and most worship-

full kyng henry of Inglond, graunted and yaf to the chirch of god, & *cetera*, and to the mynchons of Godestowe * there servyng god, j. hyde of lond in Walton that was of Chamberlayn, in-to perpetuell almesse, for the helthe of his most worthy lord kyng henry of Inglond and Alienore the quene and there children, and for the helthe of his soule and of his fadir and modir and his children. To be hold, fre and quyetly, and assoiled and losed fro all seculer service and exaccion, as he hym-self held hit most frely and quyetly. And confermed this yifte *with* this present graunt and the assent of his dere son Iohn. These beyng witnesse [1], & *cetera*.

Oxenford, * leaf 92, back. of a hide.

[John of Oxenford.]

[Rent-charge of Jeffrey, son of Durand.]

[517.] * A Charter of Geffrey Durante I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. marke of Rente, & *cetera*.

* leaf 154, back. About 1190.

THE sentence of this charter is that Geffrey durant and molde his wyf graunted, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, whan þe same Moolde yelded her-self to be a mynchon to the same chirch, into pure and perpetuel almesse, j. marke of rent the which Peter ther sone shold yeld yerely to the forsaid mynchons of the lond that Roger sorus held [and] of the lond of Eweyn, the which were of the mariage of the said moolde, the which londis the same Petir held heritably of the forsaid mynchons. This mark of rent they yaf to the forsaid chirch for the helth of ther soules and of ther Aunceturs and of fadirs and modirs and oþer frendis, thise beyng, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, [Nun's dower.] by Jeffrey son of Durand, of a rent-charge of 13*s*. 4*d*.

[518.] * A Charter of Iulian, abbesse of Godestow, I-made to Peter fitz Geffrey Durant for j. marke of londe in Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

* leaf 154. About 1200.

THE sentence of this Charter is that Iulian, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, *with* ther comon counseil and assent, *graunted* and toke, to Petir fitz Geffrey Durant and to his heires, j. mark of rent in Oxenford: To be

Confirmation to Godstow, by Peter son of Jeffrey

[1] See note at end of no. 515.

son of Durand,

[Nun's dower.]

of no. 517.

hold' of them, the which Geffrey the fadir of the forsaid' Petir and Moolde the modir of hym yaf to the chirch of Godestowe whan the same Moolde toke the habite of Religion with them, of the londis that Eweyn and Roger Sorus held' of Geffrey the fadir of the forsaid' Petir. Of these aforsaid' londes the said' Petir shold' yeld' yerely one marke of siluer at ij. termes, at Mighelmasse half one mark, and at Ester half one marke. Of this rente truly to be yelded' he yaf to them fewte in the chapiter. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 153, back. About 1200.

[519.] * A Charter of Petir fitz Geffrey Durant, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for j. marke of Rente in Oxenford'.

Duplicate of no. 518.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Geffrey Durant graunted', & *cetera*, into pure and perpetuel almesse, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, for the helth of his fadir soule and modir soule and of all his predecessours, the yifte that his fadir and his modir made to þe chirch aforsaid', whan Moolde his modir in the same chirch toke the abite of Religion, that is to sey, one marke of rente in Oxenford' of the londes that Eweyn and Roger Soriss held' of Geffrey his fadir, the whiche lond' was of the mariage of his modir. And Petir fitz Geffrey and his heires shold' hold' these londis into fee and heritage of the chirch of Godestowe, yeldyng therof euery yere one marke of siluer at ij. termes, at Mighelmasse half a mark, and at Ester half one marke. And for this yifte, & *cetera*. And for-asmoch as he graunted' fewte of that tenement to the same chirch of Godestowe in there chapiter, the covent of Godestowe yaf to hym v. mark, of siluere. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £3 6*s*. 8*d*.

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[520.] * A Charter of henry Doilly made to Laurence fitz Iohn kepeharme for ij. londis in the towne of Oxenford. * leaf 119. About 1190.

Sale to Laurence Kepeharme, by Henry Doyly, of lands in and outside Oxford,

THE sentence of this charter is, that henry Doilly, the sone of henry Doilly, constable of kyng henry the second, willed to be know to all his men and frendes, englissh and frenssh, bothe 4 to[1] tho that were present þan, and also to tho that were to come, that he graunted and yaf to laurence fitz Iohn kepeharme ij. londis in the towne of Oxenford, the whiche were of his fee, that is to sey, the lond of Osbert Fadir, the which is bitwen 8 the chirche-yerd of seynt Mildreth and the house of Edmond Sowter; and þe lond of henry Fitz Aubrey, the which is in the parissh of seynt Iudoce: and iij. londes with-owte the towne of Oxenford, the which is of his fee, that is to sey, the lond of 12 Richard Rasy, the which is bitwene the mylles that ben vndir the castell of Oxenford and the brigge by the which hit is to go to Oseney; and the lond of hardyng peletere, the which is bitwene the lond of Stephyn hanton and the lond of Walter 16 Westbury; and the lond of Walter fitz Vitelle, the which is bitwene the lond of Leswyne Fosse and the lond of Iohn Leche of Brecchyme: To be hold to hym and to his heires, of hym and his heires, surely and stably in fee and heritage, frely and 20 quyetly and worshipfully, yeldyng therof euery yere xij. d in two termes of the yere, for all service, that is to sey, vj. d. at oure Lady day in marche and vj. d. at Mighelmasse, for his homage and for his seruyce And for iiij. li. of siluer, the which 24 the forsaid Laurence yaf to hym in Recognycion or agayn-knowlechyng. And that this his yifte and graunte, & *cetera*, he confermed hit with his seale, & *cetera*.

to be held by quit-rent of 1s.

Purchase-money, £4.

[521.] * A Charter of laurence kepeharme I-made to the abbesse of Godestowe for all his londes and tenementis with-in the Borough and subarbis of Oxenforde. * leaf 118. About 1210.

Grants to Godstow, by Laurence

THE sentence of this charter is, that laurence kepeharme, for 28 the helthe of his sowle, and of all his fadirs and modirs, auncetours

[1] MS. 'two to.'

Kepeharme,

of the reversion of five rent-charges (10s. 8d.), with contingent rights, held in Oxford of the fee of D'Oilly (as in no. 520),

and successours, charitifly graunted, after his decesse, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, into pure fre and perpetuell almesse, all his londes and tenementis with-in the borough and subarbis of Oxenford, the which laurence held of Henry Doilly by the service of xij. d by yere for all seruyce, that is to sey: that lond the which was of Osbert fadir, the which the hospitall of seynt Iohn with-out the Est gate held for viij. d. by yere; and that lond that was of henry fitz Avbrey, the which yelded xij. d. by yere; and that lond that was of Richard Rasy vndir the Castell of Oxenford, the which yelded yerely v. *shillings* at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Ester xv. d, at Midsomer xv. d, at Mighelmasse xv. d, and at Cristmas xv. d; and the lond of William Burgeys vndir the Castell of Oxenford, the which lond yelded ij. *shillings* by yere, that is to sey, at Estir xij. d, and at myghelmasse xij. d; and the lond of ambrose, the which is beside the lond of lewyn Fosse, the which lond of ambrose yelded ij. *shillings* by yere at the same termes.

and reversion of 4 rent-charges (10s.), on tenements held of * leaf 118, back. Godstow,

And furthermore he graunted iiij. tenementis that ben of the fee of seynt Iohn Baptist chirch of Godestowe, that is to sey: a tenement that Roger Neis held, yeldyng therof yerely iiij. *shillings* ij. d, that is to sey, at Ester xxv. d and at myghelmasse xxv. d; and another tenement that Roger * Welleblot held, yeldyng therof yerely ij. *shillings*, that is to sey, at Ester xij. d and at myghelmasse xij. d; And another tenement that Roger Osmond held, yeldyng therof yerely xxviij. d, that is to sey, at Ester xiiij. d and at Mighelmasse xiiij d; And another tenement that Brekespere held, yeldyng therof yerely xix. d[1], that is to sey, at Ester ix. d and at Mighelmasse ix. d.

and reversion of a rent-charge of 5s. on Godstow lands outside North Gate;

Furthermore he gravnted certayn tenementis without the north yate of Oxenford, the which walter harmer held of the same fee, yeldyng therof yerely v. *shillings*, that is to sey, at Ester xv. d, at Midsomer xv. d, at Mighelmasse xv. d, and at Cristmasse xv. d.

and reversion of a holding in St. Judoc's parish (as in no. 561) [1 lb. of cummin.]

Furthermore he graunted a tenement that Robert home held, in the parissh of seynt Iudoce, and yelded therof yerely ij. *shillings*, that is to sey, at Estir xij. d and at Mighelmasse xij. d, and therof shold be yelded to Richard Beaufu j. li. of Comyn yerely for all seruyce, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse.

[1] Probably in error for 'xviii. d.'

All these tenementis shold remayn or abide to the fore-named laurence, as they ben devided afore, all the dayes of his lyf: And aftir ther[1] decesse, they sholde remayn and abide, sadly 4 and quyetly, to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons ther seruyng god. And for-asmoche as he willed all thise thyngis afore I-writte, as they ben aboue diuided, sold be ferme and stedfast for euer, he put 8 to this writyng his sele, & *cetera*.

all subject to his own life-interest.

[Note.—The parish here called of St. Judoc (confessor, commemorated on July 25) is more commonly styled of St. Budoc, who has no place in the calendar. See Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 44–7. The church and parish disappeared at an early date. In no. 561 the St. Judoc's property is reckoned to be in St. Ebbe's parish.]

[522.] * A Charter of henry Doilly, the sone of henry Doilly, the kyngis Constable, confermyng all the yiftis the which laurence kepeharme made to the mynchons of Godestowe, of the tenementis in Oxenford, the whiche he held of hym in the same towne.

* leaf 119. About 1210.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry Doilly, the son of henry doilly, the kyngis constable, graunted, and with his charter confermed, to god, & *cetera*, and to Iulian, Abbesse, and to the 12 mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, for the love of god and for the helthe of his sowle and of his wyfes sowle and his auncetours, all the yiftis that laurence kepeharme made to them in Oxenford of the tenementis that they held of hym in Oxen- 16 ford: To be had and to be hold to the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons for ever, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, Savyng xij. d. to hym and to his heires yerely to be paid at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. d and at seynt 20 Marie day in marche vj. d, for all seculer exaccion and demaunde. And that this his graunte, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry Doyly, as overlord, of Laurence Kepeharme's gift of no. 521, retaining the quit-rent as in no. 520.

*** By the Castell of Oxenforde.**

* leaf 141.

[523.] A Charter of Stephyn hamton and William his sone and his heire I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. li. of pepir.

About 1220?

The sentence of this evidence is that Stephyn hamton and William his sone and heire yaf, and graunted, to god & *cetera* 24 and to the ladies of Godestowe, j. li. of pepir, the which laurence

Surrender to Godstow, by the Hampton

[1] i.e. 'his.'

family, of 1 lb. pepper and with it of feudal rights over part of Laurence Kepeharme's lands.

kepeharme ought to paye yerely to them of ther lond the which lieth beside the Castell in the Est *parte*[1], into pure and *per*petuel almesse, for the sowles of all ther auncetours, and they and all they shold be fully *part*yners of there confrat*er*nite, benefetis, and praiers of all the couente. And for al so moche as they wolde, & *cetera*.

* leaf 155, back. About 1360.

*Oxenford Castell.

[524.] A Covenaunte which Anneys, Abbesse of Godestowe, made with Iohn fitz Pagane for xlij. pens by yere.

Agreement between Godstow and John son of Pain, for an increased rent in consideration of an advance of money.

THE sentence of this conuencion is, that Iohn fitz pagane shold yeve xlij. d. yerely in ij. *ter*mes, that is to sey, at Alhalewyn day xxj. d and in the Annu*n*ciacion of our*e* lady xxj. d, for the lond afore the yate of the castel of Oxenford, for the which he yelded first xviij. d to the chirch of Godestowe. And for the encrese of the ij. *shillings* of rente, [they] yaf to the forsaid Iohn xx. *shillings* in his grete nede. And the said Abbesse and couente *gra*unted this couenaunte to be sure to the forsaid Iohn and to his heires. Thise beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

[Quit-rents from Peter son of Torald.]

* leaf 119, back. About 1250.

[525.] *A Chart*er* of Petir fitz Torald I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for xiiij. *shillings* of rente in Alhalewyn parissh, and of vj. *shillings* of rent in seynt crosses parissh and ij. *shillings* of rent in the same parisshe.

Grants to Godstow, by Peter son of Torald, of 14*s*. rent-charge in All Saints, * leaf 120. subject to 1*s*. quit-rent (see no. 554);

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Petir fitz Torald graunted, lete, and quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires for eu*er*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, in-to pure and *per*petuel almesse, xiiij. *shillings* of yerely rent of ij. mesis[2] the which Walter Goldsmyth *held of hym in all halewyn parissh of Oxenford, of the which xiiij. *shillings* of rent the mynchons of Godestowe yelded to the chief lord of that fee xij. d by yere for all seruyce.

[1] The position of the Castle to the west of it puts this land in what is now St. Peter le Baily parish.

[2] See nos. 548–553.

He graunted also, and yaf, to the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe, vj. *shillings* of yerely rent of the londe that Richard Wever and his wyf held of hym in seynt Crosses parissh[1] in the subarbis of Oxenford, the which lond they held of hym to the lyf of them; And after ther dethe the forsaid lond, the which they held of hym for vj. *shillings* by yere, shold turne agayn and abide to the mynchons of Godestowe for e*uer*. He graunted also, and yaf, to the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe, ij. *shillings* of yerely rent of the lond the which William fitz Gerard held of hym in the forsaid parissh of seynt Crosse. Of the which ij. aforsaid tenementis the mynchons of Godestowe shold yerely pay, to the p*er*son of seynt Petir and of seynt Crosse of halywelle, xvj. d. for all seruyce. And that thise aforsaid thyngis, & c*etera*.

and of 6*s*. rent-charge in Holywell with reversion of the land which paid it;

and of 2*s* rent-charge in Holywell: quit-rents to rectory of St. Peter-in-the-East, 1*s*. 4*d*.

[Lands acquired from Stephen son of Waryn miller.]

[Note.—These lands seem to have been near the corner where Canterbury Gate of Christ Church comes up to Corpus Christi College, and so partly in St. Edward's, partly in St. Frideswyde's, and partly in St. John's parishes.]

[526.] * A chart*er* of Adam Fitz Richard Goldesmyth I-made to Waryne Myller for all his lond that fille to hym by queste[2] of his Fadir.

* leaf 131. About 1190.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Adam fitz Richard Goldsmyth, w*ith* the wille and consente of Iugen his moder and Geffrey and Reynold his brethern, graunted, lette, and delyu*er*ed, to Waryne Miller all his lond that fille to hym of the queste[2] of Richard his fadir, the whiche lond lieth bitwene the kyngis hye-wey and the lond of William kysseblancpayn, and in depith vnto the lond of Rob*er*t Pur of Ches*ter* behynde the lond of William kysseblancpayn: To be hold, to hym and to his heires, of hym and his heires, surely and stedfastly in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely iiij. *shillings* at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, for all exaccion and s*er*uyce, that is to sey, ij. *shillings* at Mighelmasse and ij. *shillings* at palme sonday: and for this her g*ra*unte and letyng of lond the forenamed Waryne yaf to hym ij. marke of siluer in warison, and made to hym fewte of the tenement. And

Grant to Waryn miller, by Adam son of Richard goldsmyth, of land (probably in St. Frideswyde's parish).

Quit-rent, 4*s*.

Purchase-money, £1 6*s*. 8*d*.

[Doing fealty.]

[1] See no. 636.

[2] 'Quest' = bequest: the Latin is 'ex legato patris mei.'

he and his heires warantiȝed to hym and to his heires the tenure ayenst all men and women. And that this his grauntyng and letyng of the forsaid tenement shold be sure for euer, to the forsaid Waryn and to his heires, of hym and his heires, he confermed [hit] with the puttyng to of his seale, & *cetera*.

About 1190.

[527.] A charter of Geffrey Goldsmyth to Waryne Miller confermyng the same.

Confirmation to Waryn miller, by Jeffrey (son of Jeffrey) goldsmith, brother of grantor, of no. 526. * leaf 131, back.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Geffrey Goldsmyth graunted & *cetera* to Waryne, Miller, all that lond of his owne, the which lieth in brede bitwene the lane and the lond that was of William kysseblancpayn, and in lengthe fro the strete vnto the lond of Thomas fitz Elrice and behynde the lond of william kysseblancpayn vnto the lond of Robert Pur of Chester, to hym and to his heires, to be had and to be holde, of * hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly fully and holy, in brede and lengthe, as hit is I-put afore, yeldyng therof yerely iiij. *shillings* at ij. *termes* of the yere for all seruyce, as the charter of Adam his brother of that same lond witnesseth, that is to sey, ij. *shillings* at Mighelmasse and ij. *shillings* at palme sonday: and he and his heires shold warantiȝe all the forsaid lond, holy, to the forsaid Waryne and to his heires, ayenst all men and women. And for this his graunte, & *cetera*, the aforenamed Waryne yaf to hym ij. besauntis in warison, and did fewte to hym of the same tenement. And hit is to be know that Adam his brother lete and toke by his wille and his graunte all the forsaid lond to the forsaid Waryne: To be had and to be holde, heritably, as the charter of the same Adam witnesseth. And that this his graunte, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, 2 silver bezants = 4*s*. [Doing fealty.]

About 1190.

[528.] A Charter of Richard Rasy and Gunnylde his wyf I-made to Waryne Miller for all ther londe in Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

Sale to Waryn miller, by Richard Rasy, of land near no. 526.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Richard Rasy and Gunnylde his wyf graunted, lete, and delyuered, to Waryne Miller ther lond that lieth bitwene the lond of Adam Chynnore and the lond of the same Waryne: To be had and to be holde, to hym and to his heires, of them and ther heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly, worshipfully and holy, in lengthe

and in brede and in depenesse, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther heires xiij. d, at ij. termes of the yere, for all seruyce, that is to sey, vj. d obolus at Ester and vj. d obolus at Mighel-
4 masse. And for ther graunte, & *cetera*, the afore-named Waryne yaf to them ij. marke of siluer for a recognicion. And they and ther heires warantized to the forsaid Waryne and to his heires the foresaid lond, holy, ayenst all men and women that
8 myght live or dye. And for-asmoche as they willed that the forsaid lond shold be sure to the forsaid Waryne and to his heires, of them and ther heires, they confermed hit to-gedirs with ther seales, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, 13*d*.

Purchase-money, £1 6*s*. 8*d*.

[529.] A charter of Stephyn fitz Waryne Miller of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for shiphalle and another halle in Seynt Iohn-is strete in Oxenford, & *cetera*.

About 1230.

12 THE sentence of this charter is, that Stephyn fitz Waryne yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe, for hym and his heires for ever, ther[1] seruyng god and to serue for euer, for the helthe of his sowle and for the sowles of his
16 fadir and modir and also of his wyf Molde, all the londe that he had by right heritage and possessed in the towne of Oxenford, with all his pertynentis, that is to sey, all that lond that his fadir bought of Adam fitz Richard Goldsmyth, the which lieth
20 bitwene the kyngis hye-wey and the lond that was somtyme of william kysseblancpayn, And the said lond strecchith hit-self in depthe vnto the lond that was somtyme of Thomas fitz Ailrich and vnto the lond that was somtyme of Robert Pur of chestre
24 behynde the lond that was some*tyme of William kysseblancpayn the which is in seynt Frideswith parisshe; Also all the lond that he held and had of the priour of seynt Frideswith, the whiche is in seynt Iohn-is strete of Oxenford, the which lieth
28 bitwene the lond that Albert somtyme held and the lond that William Waterman somtyme held; Also all the lond that he held and had of Richard Rasy and Gunnylde his wyf, that is to sey, that lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Adam Chynnore,
32 and the lond that his fadir held somtyme of Adam fitz Richard Goldsmyth: To be hold and to be had for euer, to the said

Cancelled draft (see no. 530) of grant to Godstow, by Stephen son of Waryn miller,

of no. 526 (now called Ship Hall);

* leaf 132.

and of no. 639;

and of no. 528.

[1] Take in after 'Godstowe.'

mynchons seruyng god in the said monastery and to serue, with all there pertynentis, into free and perpetuel almesse, doyng natheles therfor yerely to the chief lordis of tho feis seruyce to them dew therof, after the tenour of the charters the which his fader had therof, and yeldyng yerely to hym and to his heires ij. d. of siluer at Ester, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the said Stephyn and his heires warantized to the said mynchons and to ther successours for euer all the forsaid londes and tenementis, with all ther pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to his grete nede, that is to sey, to aquyte hym of the Iewrye and in other placis where he was indetted, x. marke of siluer in warison. And that this yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent to the mesne lord, 2*d*.

[Debt to the Jews.] Purchase-money, £6 13*s*. 4*d*.

* leaf 141. About 1230.

[530.] * A Charter of Stephyn fitz Waryn myller of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all his londes, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Stephen, son of Waryn miller,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Stephyn fitz Waryn myller of Oxenford yaf & *cetera*, for hym and his heires for euer, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for ever, for the helthe of ther sowles and the sowles of ther fadir and moder and of Molde his wyf, all that lond the which he had and was possessed of by right heritage in the towne of Oxenford, with all his pertynentis: that is to sey, all that lond the which his fadir bought of Adam fitz * Richard Goldsmyth, the which lieth bitwene the place [1] of the kyng and the lond that was somtyme of William Cusse-blankpayne, and his said lond strecchith hit-self in depyth vnto the lond that was somtyme of Thomas fitz Ailrich and vnto the lond that was somtyme of Robert Porchestre behynde the lond that was somtyme of William Cusseblank-payne, the which is in seynt Frideswith parissh, the which is in seynt Iohn strete of Oxenford; Also all the londe that he held of the priour of seynt Frideswith, the which lieth bitwene the lond that Alberte held somtyme and the lond that William Waterman held somtyme; And all the lond that he held and

of (*a*) land formerly of Adam goldsmith (no. 526), * leaf 141, back.

(*b*) land held of St. Frideswyde's Priory (no. 639); and (*c*) land

[1] The Latin has 'inter placeam domini regis.' The reference is to a lane now blocked, which in nos. 526 and 527 was open, possibly leading to a postern in the southern wall of Oxford.

was possessed of Richard Rasy and Gonnylde his wyf, that is to sey, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Adam Chynnor and the lond the which his fadir somtyme bought of Adam fitz Richard Goldsmyth: To be hold and to be had for euer, to the seid mynchons in the said monastery seruyng and to serue, with all the pertynentis, into fre and perpetuell almesse, Doyng nathelese þerof yerely vnto the chief lordes of the fees seruyce dew and I-wonyd to them therof, after the tenoure of the charters the which his fader had therof, Also yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d. of siluer at Ester, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the said Stephyn and his heires warantized to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours for euer all þe forsaid londes and tenementis, with all ther pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to them to ther grete nede, that is to sey, to aquyte hym of the Iewry and otherwise where he was endited x. markes of siluer in warison. And furthermore they graunted to hym and to his wyf molde, with ther seruant to serve them while they lived, two corrodies of ij. mynchons and a corrodye of one seruant to ther susteynynge. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

formerly of Richard Rasy (no. 528).

Quit-rent to the mesne lord, 1*d*.

[Debt in the Jewry.] Purchase-money, £6 13*s*. 4*d*., and three corrodies.

[Lands of Hugh Palmer.]

[531.] *A Charter of couenaunte I-made bitwene Anneys, the doughter of William Aunfrey, and hugh Pavmer of Oxenford for all his[1] londes and rentes in Oxenford and in the subarbis therof.

* leaf 155. About 1260.

THE sentence is this, that a couenaunte was I-made, bitwene Anneys, the doughtir somtyme of William Aunfrey[2] of Oxenford, of the one partie, and hugh Paumere, Cordewaner, of the other parte, that is to sey, that the forsaid Anneys yaf, & *cetera*, to the forsaid hugh all her londes and rentis in the towne and subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires and to his assignes, as hit is dyvyded and conteyned in the charter that the forsaid Anneys made specially of the forsaid londes tenementis and rentis. And for this yifte,

Agreement between Hugh Palmer and Agnes Humfrey, by which Hugh takes Agnes's lands,

[1] 'his' for 'her.' [2] 'Humfrey' in the duplicate, no. 532.

under-taking to provide her with board, clothing, and lodging, till her death or her taking the veil, and to pay her £13 6*s.* 8*d.* when she took the veil, or bequeath her that sum if he died before that, or if she died before taking the veil to allow her to bequeath £13 6*s.* 8*d.* as she pleased.

& *cetera*, the forsaid hugh shold fynde the forsaid Anneys worshipfully, al so longe as she lived, in vitaile clothyng and shoyng and in all other necessaries, So that the forsaid Anneys shold redely *ser*ue the forsaid hugh, as she did afore, tille she willed to translate her-self into religion; And whan she wold entir religion, the forsaid hugh shold yeve to the same xx. marke into subsidie. And yf hit so happened that the forsaid hugh died or she entred religion, he shold yeve to her xx. mark, aforsaid to do after her owne wille, so that the forsaid hugh shold not have powe*re* to make a testament of the forsaid londes, rentis, and tenementis, goodes mevable and vnmeuable, in the towne of Oxenford and subarbis, nother his executo*urs* shold not have no admynystracion of his goodes, tille the forsaid Anneys were fully I-satisfyed of the forsaid xx. marke. And yf hit happened that the forsaid Anneys dyed or she entred religion, hit shold be lawfull to be-queth the forsaide xx. mark, to whom-so-eu*er* she wold, or to co*m*mytte them to the disposicion of her executo*ur*s in her testament. And to this couenaunte truly and w*ith*-out gyle to be hold, bothe p*ar*ties sured ther trouth, and to this wrytyng of either p*ar*tie eu*er*ych of them sette seales to other, þise beyng, & *cetera*.

* leaf 139, back.

* **The parisshes of seynt myghell at the north yate, seynt Olde, and seynt Mighell at the South yate, and of Seynt Edwarde.**

About 1260.

[532.] A Charter of Anneys, somtyme the doughter*e* of William humfrey of Oxenford, I-made to hugh Paumer the son*e* of Raf Paumer*e*, for all his[1] londes and rentes in Oxenford and in the subarbes of Oxenford, & *cetera*.

Cancelled draft of a grant (see no. 531) to Hugh Palmer, by Agnes Humfrey, of land in St. Mary's parish;

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Anneys, somtyme the dought*er* of william humfrey of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera*, for her and her heires, to hugh Paumer the son*e* of Raf Paumer*e* of Oxenford, all his[1] londes and rentes in the towne and subarbes of Oxenford, that is to sey, that lond[2] in length and in brede, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, the which was somtyme of Iohn Bridporte, and hit lieth bitwene the lond of William Spyser*e* the

[1] 'his,' as often, for 'her.' [2] In St. Mary's parish: see nos. 640 and 644.

yonger of the one *par*te and the lond' that was of Aleyn fitz Walt*er* of the other *par*te, in seynt Olde[1] parissh; and that selde in Cordewaynrye, the [which] selde is I-sette bitwene the lond' that was somtyme of Rob*er*t Oweyn of the one *par*te and the lond' of Walter Feteplace of the other, in seynt Mighels parissh of the north of Oxon; * And of the solar*e* aboue the forsaid' seld', xij. d' of yerely rente; And of the tenemente[s] in seynt Olde parissh, of the which Iohn longe holdith one, and the heires of Adam Dissh the second', and the assignes of Rob*er*t Cachefreynes the thirde, of xiiij. *shillings* vj. d'; and of the lond' of Rob*er*t Shireburn, the which is bitwene the lond' of Geffrey Stamdell of the one *par*te and the lond' that was somtyme of William Farendon of the other *par*te, in the same parissh, xij. d'; And of the lond' of Andrew derh*a*m, the which is [between] the lond' of the hospitall of seynt Iohn of the other *par*te and the lond' of laurence Wyth of the other *par*te in the same parissh, j. d'; And of the lond' that was somtyme of William Smarteknave, vndir the walle, w*ith*-out the south yate, in seynt Mighels parissh of the South of Oxenford', the which is bitwene the lond' of Iohn Briton of the one *par*te and the lond' of Rob*er*t Clanefeld' of the other, iij. *shillings*; And of the lond' that was of Symeon Walyngford', w*ith*-oute the lytell yate, iiij. d'; And of the lond', the which Rob*er*t Cro*m*me held' in seynt Edwardes parissh of Oxenford', vj. d': To be hadde and to be hold', to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires or his assignes, w*ith* all rightes and clayme that [s]he had' or myght have by descent or by a-chete or by ony man*er* right in all the forsaid' londes and tenementis and rentes, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for ever*e*, yeldyng therof to the chief lordes of the forsaid' fees dew s*er*uyce and I-woned', And to her and to her heires j. paire of white gloves of j. d' at Ester, for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde. And Anneys and her heires warantized' aquyted' and defended', by the forsaid' s*er*uyce, all the forsaid' tenementes londes and rentes, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, to the said' hugh and to his heires and to his assignes ayenst all men and women for eu*er*. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' hugh yaf to her before handes xx. marke of sterlyng*es*. And *þat* all these afore, & *cetera*.

a seld in the Cordwainry in St. Michael's-at-North-Gate parish, with a quit-rent from a solar over it; rent-charges on tenements in St. Aldate's parish;

* leaf 140.

a rent-charge on land in St. Michael's-at-South-Gate parish; a rent-charge on land outside Little Gate (in St. Ebbe's parish?); and a rent-charge in St. Edward's parish.

Quit-rent to the mesne lord, gloves.

Purchase-money, £13 6*s*. 8*d*.

[1] The Latin has 'S*ancte* Edarie,' a badly written attempt at 'Marie.' It is correctly given as 'seynt Mary' in no. 533.

* leaf 114, back.

[533.] * A Charter of hugh Palmer of Oxenford for all his londis and rentis in the towne and subarbis of Oxenford.

About 1270.

The parissh of Seynt Olde.

Grant to Godstow, by Hugh Palmer, of lands and rent-charges as in nos. 531, 532,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Hugh Palmer of Oxenford yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for euer, all his londis and rentis in the towne and subarbis of Oxenford, that is to sey, all that lond in length and in brede, with all his pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond of William Spicenare of the one parte and the lond of Geffrey vndir the walle of the other parte, in seynt mary parissh; and all that selde in Cordewenare, that is bitwene the lond þat was somtyme of Robert Oweyn and the lond of Walter Feteplace, in seynt Mighell parissh of the north of Oxenford; and xiiij. *shillings* vj. d. of yerely rent of the tenement, in the parissh of seynt Olde, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Iohn Rennewaite and the venelle (an*glicè*, a lane) that ledith to the Backehowse; and xij. d. of yerely rent of the lond that was somtyme of Robert Shireburn, in the same parissh, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Richard Elsefeld and the lond that was somtyme of William Farendon; and iij. *shillings* of yerely rent of the lond that lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Iohn Burton and the lond of henry perle, * vndir the walle of Oxenford, in the parissh of seynt Michell at the Sowthe yate; and xvj. *shillings* of yerely rent, in the same parissh, vndir the walle, at sullewyngstole, of the lond that lieth bitwene the lond of Piers Wynburn and the lond of Nicholas Criklade; and j. acre of mede in the bisshoppisheyte as the lotte wolle yeve: To be had and to be hold, with all the forsaide rentis and pertynentis, withyn the borow of Oxenford and with-out, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, into pure and perpetuel almes, al so frely and goodly as ony almesse myght be yeve or assigned for euer, Savyng the rentis of the said londis and tenementis dew and I-wonyd in tymys I-ordeyned. And that all these thyngis, & *cetera*.

[St. Aldate's.]

* leaf 115. with other rents and lands.

[Meadow by lot: see in no. 607.]

[Lands of Robert Maynard, chaplain of Godstow.]

[534.] *A conuencion I-made bitwene the abbesse and Couent and the forsaid' Robert Maynard' for certayn londes.

* leaf 92, back. 1272, Dec. 25.

THIS conuencion was I-made in the fest of oure lordis birthe, the yere of grace Mł. CC. lxxij., bitwene the religeous ladies the abbesse of Godestow and the Couent of the same place, and Robert maynard' of Oxenford', Chapeleyn, of the other parte: that is to sey, that the said' Religious ladyes, for them and their successours, graunte and lette to the said' Robert to the ende of his lyf ix. acris of lond', that is to sey, v. acris in Bewmounte the which were somtyme of wylberte Sowter; also in the same feld', iij. acris, the which lye bitwene the lond' of Iohn Culuerd' of the one parte and the lond' that is I-called' diche acre of the other parte; Furthermore, j. acre, which lieth in the parissh of seynt Gyles, bytwene the lond' * of Petir Godeale of the one parte and the lond' of william of Irlond' somtyme held' of the other parte: To be had', to the seid' Robert al so longe as he lived' in seculer habite, of the forsaid' abbesse and couent and ther successours, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, yeldyng therof to the forsaid' religious ladies and to ther successours ix. *shillings* of siluer at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmas iiij. *shillings* vj. d' and at the Annunciacion of our lady iiij. *shillings* vj. d', for all custome and demaunde. And the seid' Abbesse and mynchons or religious ladies and ther successours warantized all the said' lond' to the said' Robert al so long as he lived' ayenst all men. And yf the said' Robert died', or entred' religion, all the said' lond', with-out ony lessenyng or agayn-saiyng of the said' Robert or of his assignes, shold' turne agayn to the said' Religious ladies or to pere successours. Into witnesse of the which thyng, & *cetera*, bothe parties put to ther seales everiche to other, & *cetera*.

Grant of life-rent, by Godstow, to Robert Maynard,

of 8 acres in Beaumont

and 1 acre in St. Giles's.

* leaf 93.

Grant to cease if Robert become a monk or friar. Quit-rent, 9s.

[535.] *A charter of maister Robert maynard' of iij. acris of lond' in bewmounte.

* leaf 92, back. 1284.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert maynard' of Oxenford', chapelayn, yaf and quyte-claymed' vttirly, to god

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Robert

Maynard, of all right in 3 acres (part of no. 534).

& *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe þere seruyng god and to serue for euer, for his soule and for the soules of his auncetours, iij. acris of his arable lond, tho (that is to sey) the which lien in Bewmounte, bitwene the lond of Iohn Caluert of the one parte, and the lond that is I-called dyche acre of the other parte, the which he held afore in fee of the forsaid mynchons: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaide mynchons and to ther successours, for hym and his heires or his assignes, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse for ever, So that the said Robert or his heires or his assignes shold not in no wise chalenge ne neuer [ask] right ne clayme in the forsaid iij. acris of lond with ther pertynentis. And that this his yifte and graunte and quyteclaymyng shold be sure and stable, & *cetera* [1].

About 1284.

[536.] A quyte-clayme of Robert Maynard of his lond in Bewmounte.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Robert Maynard, of all title in two half-acres (possibly part of 534),

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is that Robert Maynard of Oxenford, for hym and his heires, graunted, and quyte-claymed for euer, for the helthe of his soule, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god and to serve for euer, j. half acre of arable lond, the which lieth in the subarbis of Oxenford in Bewmounte, bitwene the lond of Iohn Culuard of the one parte and the lond that is I-called the harmlond of the other parte. Also he lefte and quyte-claymed to the same mynchons, to the nede of the fermory of Godestowe, j. other half acre of lond, the which also lieth in Bewmounte, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and mynchons of the forsaid place, of þe one parte, and the lond of William Craumpe, of the other: To be had and to be hold, to the said abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for ever. Into the witnesse of the whiche thynge, & *cetera*.

one to go to the Infirmary of Godstow.

[Licences in Mortmain for properties in and near Oxford.]

* leaf 192. 129½, March 10.

[537.] * Another Licence I-made to Odo Watlyngton and to Alice fitz Alice Southam for ij. mesys to be mortised in Oxenford.

Licence in mortmain, by Edward I,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, willed to be know that,

[1] Among the witnesses are: Nicholas of Kingston, *maior*, and Andrew of Derham, Philip of O., *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office in Sept. 1283.

though hit were provided by the common counseil of his reame and ordeyned that hit shold not be lawfull to Religious peple or to other to entre the fee of ony man so that hit shold come to 4 morte-mayne with-oute his licence and of the chief lord of the which hit was I-holde inmediatly, He willyng nathelesse yaf speciall licence, to Odo of watlyngton, and to Alice the doughtir of Alice Southam, al so moch as was in hym, that the same Odo 8 and Alice myght yeve and assigne to his welbeloued in crist, the abbesse and Couent of Godstow, two mesys with ther pertynentis in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold to the said abbesse and Couente and to ther successours for ever. And also he yaf 12 a speciall licence to the same Abbesse and Couente that they myght resceive tho houses of the same Odo and Alice, notwithstondyng[1] that the same Odo and Alice or her heires, or the forsaid abbesse and Couent or ther successours, by the cause of 16 the forsaid statute, shold be occasioned or greved in ony thynge therof by hym or by his heires, Savyng nathelesse seruyces of the same fee dewe and I-woned to the chief lordes of that fee. Into witnesse of the which he made to be made his patente 20 lettres, Hym-self beyng witnesse, at Longe Icchynton, the x. day of Marche, the xix. yere of his reigne, & *cetera*.

empowering Godstow to receive a messuage in St. Frideswyde's parish (no. 566) from Odo, chaplain of Godstow, and a messuage (no. 652) in St. Mary's parish from Alice Southam.

[In Warwickshire.]

[NOTE.—The convenience of having only one licence, in the cumbrous process of acquiring several lands in mortmain, has brought into one deed Odo of Watlington, chaplain of Godstow, and Alice Sotham, an inmate or pensioner (no. 652) of the nunnery. By a slip, Mr. Wigram, in his *Cartulary of St. Frideswide*, i. 123, has married them ('licence for Odo of Watlington and Alice his wife to give, and . . . Godstow to receive two messuages').]

[538.] * A Charter of Odo, Chapeleyn, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for a mese with the pertynentis and xx. *shillings* of yerely rent in Seynt Mary parissh of Oxenford.

* leaf 113. 1291.

THE sentence of this charter is that Odo, Chapelayn of Godestowe, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* to the mynchons 24 of Godestowe ther servyng god and for ever to serue, a mese with his pertynentis, that is I-sette bitwene the lond that was of Roger Sauser of the one parte and the lond of moolde hordle of the other, in the strete of Shideward, in the parissh of seynt 28 Frideswyde of Oxenford; also with xx. *shillings* of yerely rent

Sale to Godstow, by Odo, chaplain (who had been acting as agent of the convent), of a messuage (no. 566) in

[1] In error for 'not willing.'

St. Frideswyde's parish; and of a rent-charge (no. 658) over a messuage (no. 649) in St. Mary's parish.

of all that tenement that is I-sette bitwene the house of Iohn Weston of the west *parte* and the strete that is I-called Shideyerde of the Est *parte*, in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford, the which tenement Thomas Sowtham somtyme held in the same parissh, *with* all the right and clayme that myght hap to hym or to his heires of all the forsaid tenement because of the xx. *shillings*: To be had and to be hold, to the seid mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease for *euer*, yeldyng therof yerly to hym to his heires or to his assignes j. clowe-gelofre at Ester; and to the priour of seynt Frideswythe of Oxenford iiij. *shillings* at ij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* and at our lady day in marche ij. *shillings*, for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde: and the forsaid Odo, his heires, or his assignes, warantiȝed, aquyted and for *euer* defended, all the forsaid mese, also *with* the forsaid xx. *shillings* of rent of the same tenement that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham, to the seid mynchons and to ther successours. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym liij. mark. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rents, a clove-gilliflower at Easter to the mesne lord, and 4*s.* to the chief lord (St. Frideswyde's Priory).

Purchase-money, £35 6*s.* 8*d.*

* leaf 111. 1321, May 8.

[539.] * An Inquysicion I-made of a mese and an acre of mede in the subarbis of Oxenford and ij. placis of the co*mmun*e pasture i*n* wolgarecote.

Proof that Godstow had owned [John before the Latin gate = May 6.] a messuage and meadow in Walton, and two pasture-lands in Wolvercote, * leaf 111, back. before the Statute in Mortmain

THE sentence of this evidence is, that ther was an Inquysicion I-take, afore the Eschet*our* of the kyng a this half the wat*er* of Trente, at Oxenford, the friday next aftir the fest of seynt Iohn the port latyn, the xiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward, by the vertu of the[1] which brefis were directed to hym at the suggestion of the abbesse of Godestowe, I-made in the kyngis courte,

of a mese and j. acre of mede in the subarbis of Oxenford, and ij. placis of good pasture in wolgarecote, that were I-gote to the same house longe afore the publicacion or openyng of the statute I-made of londis and tenement*es* * not to be put to morte-mayne; And of a mese and x. acris of lond *with* the p*er*tynentis in the same subarbis, the which she held of the

[1] Read 'the brefis which.' The Latin is 'virtute cuiusd*am* brevis sibi directi [MS. has 'directis' in error] ad suggestionem abbatisse.'

kyng in chief, to have alienedꝑ into[1] pure and perpetuel almesse, to Thomas Tyes to the terme of his lyf, by the licence of kyng Edwardꝑ the fadir of the kyng, but licence not I-gote of the kyng that was at that tyme:

(7 Edw. I, 1279); and had not leased a messuage and 10 acres in Walton to Thomas Tyes.

vpon tho thyngis, by the othe of Robert Boteley, William leigh, Robert Cramfordꝑ, Iohn londoñ, Stephyñ Dounylle, Iohn Wyghthullꝑ, Thomas Boste, Robert heyfordꝑ, Thomas hore, William Witney, Iohn Fouke, and Iohn Iarme, I-swore, the which [said] by there othe that the forsaidꝑ mese and j. acre of mede the which beñ in Waltoñ in the subarbis of Oxenfordꝑ, And the forsaidꝑ ij. placis of goodꝑ pastures the which beñ in Wolgarecote in the hundredꝑ of Wottoñ, longe afore þe publisshyng or openyng of the statute aforsaidꝑ, were I-gote of olde fundacioñ to the chirche of Godestowe in tyme out of mynde. They saidꝑ also that one mese and x. acris of londꝑ, with the pertynentis, in the same subarbis, were never alienedꝑ to Thomas Tyes aforsaidꝑ to the terme of his lyf, nother other-wise, but he heldꝑ hem at the wille of the seidꝑ abbesse in villenage or bondage. Into witnesse of the which the forsaidꝑ Iuryours put to this Inquysicioñ ther seales: The date, day, place, and yere aboveseidꝑ.

[Lease of the Cherwell fishery.]

[540.] *A Charter of ther fysshweres of Charewelle I-lete to ferme vnto Henry Kyngestoñ and William More, Fysshers.

*leaf 105. About 1330.

THE sentence of this charter is, that the abbesse of Godestowe and the Couent of the same place yaf, graunteꝑ, and lete, to henry kyngestoñ and to william more, Fysshers, ther seuerellꝑ fysshwere in the subarbis of Oxenfordꝑ that is I-calledꝑ Charwelle, the which Raaf [le] Walle heldꝑ of them to the terme of his lyf, with allꝑ the stremys[2], hammys, and Ilis, weyes, pathis, commoditeis, and allꝑ other pertynentis, [and all other eysementis] longyng to the forsaidꝑ stremys of the fysshwere, [with the] hammys [and] Ilis in ony wise longyng therto: To be haddꝑ and to be holdꝑ, to the saidꝑ henry and william, to allꝑ ther lyf or to the other of them that livedꝑ lengest, of them and ther successours, yeldyng

Lease for two lives, by Godstow, of a fishery in Cherwell, with appended meadow-strips,

[1] Take with 'in chief.'

[2] 'gurgites,' i.e. weirs, in the Latin.

yearly quit-rent, £2.

therof, to them and to ther successo*urs*, al so longe as ony of them lived', xl. s*hillings* at iiij. pryncipall and vsuall t*er*mes of the yere by egall porcions. And the forsaid' abbesse and' Covent warantized' & aquyted' the forsaid' fyssheweris, stremys, hammys, Ilis, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, and all other eysementis in ony wise longyng' to the said' fyssheweris, stremys, hammys, and Ilis, to all the lif of the forsaid' henry and william or to the other of them lengest livyng', for the forsaid' rent, ayenst all peple. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid' henry and william yaf to them vj. mar*k*, of sterlyngis afore handis. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £4.

[Note.—Among the witnesses are John (died 1348) son of William Bost; Walter son of Walter (flor. 1290) Bost. This fishery had been acquired by Godstow before 1145, being then included in Empress Maud's confirmation (no. 876). We may conjecture it to have been at Patten's or Parson's Pleasure.]

[Oxford parishes.]

[St. Aldate's parish: see nos. 532 and 533.]

* leaf 119.

*The parissh of All Halewyn [i. e. All Saints].

[John Pill's grant.]

* leaf 121. About 1230.

[541.] ***A Char*ter* of laurence fitz Raal I-made to Iohn Pylle for a selde in Alle halewyn parisshe in Oxenforde, & *cetera*.**

Grant to John Pill, by Laurence son of Ralph, of a seld.

The sentence of this char*ter* is, that Laurence fitz Raal yaf & *cetera*, to Iohn Pylle, that selde, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, the which is next to the lond' of Iohn fitz Iohn Pady of the west p*ar*te, in All halewyn parissh in Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym his heires or his assignes, in fee and heritage frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng' therof yerely j. d'. at Cristmasse for all seruyce and demaunde: and he and his heires sholde' susteyn plancherin and the coveryng' above the forsaid' seld', w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, lest the dwellers in hit toke harme. And he and his heires sholde resceive the water vpon the grounde fro the goter of the forsaid' seld'. And he warantized' the same afore-named' selde, w*ith* the wyndowe as hit was at that tyme, w*ith* all other p*er*tynentis,

Quit-rent, 1*d*. at Christmas. Tenant to repair. Grantor to suffer water-drip, and to guarantee

to the forsaid' Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes, ayenst all men and women. And that all thise aforesaid' thynges, & *cetera*. window-right.

[542.] *A Charter of laurence fitz Raaf I-made to Iohn Pille for a selde with the pertynentis. * leaf 120, back. About 1230.

4 * THE sentence of this charter is, that laurence fitz Raaf graunted', lete, and delyuered', to Iohn Pylle that selde, with the pertynentis, the which is beside the gate [1] of the Est parte in All halewyn parissh in Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to 8 the forsaid' Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d'. at Cristmasse for all seruyce and exaccion. And he and his heires warantized' 12 the forsaid' selde, with the pertynentis, and with fre entryng and goyng out, to the forsaid' Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes, ayenst all men and women: Savyng nathelesse that Robert, Coteler [2], shold' hold' the forsaid' 'seld' of the forsaid' Iohn, 16 even like as he held' hit of hym, for half j. marke by yere al so longe as the same Robert lived', And aftir the dethe of the forsaid' Robert the forsaid' selde shold' abide to the forsaid' Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes for ever. And he and his heires 20 shold' susteyn plancherin and the coveryng aboue the selde aforsaid' lest the dwellers toke harme. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' Iohn yaf to hym v. marke and j. halfe in warison. And that thise thynges aforsaid', & *cetera*.

* leaf 121. Sale to John Pill, by Laurence son of Ralph, of a seld, quit-rent, 1*d.* at Christmas, subject to Robert cutler's life-interest (at 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly rent), and under obligation to repair. Purchase-money, £3 13*s.* 4*d.*

[543.] *A Charter of Petir fitz Iohn Pille of Oxenford', I-made to Iohane his sustir, for ij. Seldis in All Halewyn parissh of Oxenford'. * leaf 119. About 1250.

24 THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Iohn Pille of Oxenford', yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohane his sustir all that selde, with the pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond' of Iohn Pady and the lond' that was somtyme of Andrew Alegod', in all Halewyn 28 parissh of Oxenford'; Furthermore, he yaf and graunted', and with his charter confermed', to the forsaid' Iohan, all his right

Sale to Joan Pill, by her brother Peter, of no. 541,

[1] Read 'his gate.' Latin has 'portam meam.' In no. 544 it is again so described: in no. 543 it has become 'the gate of Geffry Henxhey.'

[2] 'blacksmyth,' in nos. 544 and 546.

and of no. 542.

that he had or myght have in that seld, *with* the *per*tynentis, that Rob*ert* Blaksmyth held, the which is beside the yate of Geffrey henxhey of the Est *parte*, even ayenst Alhalowyn chirche in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to her and to her heires or to her assignes to which-so-ever she wold yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit in helth or in sikenesse, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordis of that fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd, and to hym and to his heires one paire of white gloves at Estir, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And Petir and his heires warantiȝed, aquyted, and defended the forsaid ij. seldes, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Iohane and her heires or to ther assignes, as hit is afore departed, ayenst all men and women, by the forsaid *ser*uyce for eu*er*. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the * forsaid Iohane yaf to hym one marke of siluer*e* by-fore handis. And that thise afore-writen and afore-diuided thynges shold abide sure and stedfast with-oute gyle for ever, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent to the mesne lord, white gloves at Easter.

* leaf 119, back. Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.*

* leaf 121. About 1250.

[544.] *A Charter of Petir fitz Iohn Pylle of Oxenford I-made to Iohane his Sustir for that selde with the *per*tynentis.

Cancelled draft of grant (see no. 543) to Joan Pill, by her brother Peter, of no. 542, and no. 541.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Iohn Pylle of Oxenforde yaf & *cetera* to Iohane his sustir, for her service, that selde, *with* his *per*tynentis, that Rob*ert* Blaksmyth[1] that tyme helde, the which selde is most next to the entryng of that lond the which was of Laur*ence* fitz Raaf; and that seld also [that at] that tyme helde Moolde, heymonger, *with* all his *per*tynentis, the which also is (*with* the solar*e* and tenement of the forsaid Laurence somtyme fitz Raaf) in Alle halewyn parissh of * Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Iohane and to her heires and to her assignes, frely quyetly holy and pesibly for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordes of the fee dewe *ser*uyce and I-wonyd, and to hy*m* and to his heires j. d at Ester for all service, exaccion, and demaunde. And Petir and his heires warantiȝed the forsaid ij seldes *with* all þ*ere* *per*tynentis to the forsaid Iohan and to his[2] heires and assignes ayenst all men and women for eu*er*. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[3].

* leaf 121, back.

[1] 'Coteler,' in no. 542.
[2] 'his' for 'her.'
[3] One witness is 'Dominus Rog*erus* rector ecc*lesie* san*cti* Mich*aelis* aquilon*aris* Oxon.'

[545.] A Charter of Iohane the doughtir of Iohn Pylle I-made to þe mynchons of Godestowe for the same seldis aforsaide, & *cetera*. About 1264.

THE sentence of this charter is that Iohane, the doughtir of Iohn Pylle of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera*, to god and to the chirch of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther
4 *ser*uyng god, tho ij. seldes the which she had of the yifte of Petir Pylle her broþ*er*, in alle halewyn parissh in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, frely and quyetly for ever, doyng therof servicis dewe and I-wonyd, as the chart*er*s shewe the which she
8 had of the ij. seldes of the yifte of Petir, her brother, the sone of Iohn Pylle. And that þis, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Joan Pill, of nos. 541, 542, as given her in nos. 543 and 544.

[546.] A Charter of Rob*er*t Blaksmyth[1] quyte-claymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe a selde in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford. About 1270.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Rob*er*t, Blaksmyth, in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford, relesed, and vttirly quyte-
12 claymed, to god and to the chirch of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons ther *ser*uyng god and to *ser*ve for ever, all the right and clayme that he had or myght have in that selde the which he held somtyme of the abbesse
16 and Covent of Godestowe in Alle halewyn parissh of Oxenford, the whiche is I-sette even ayenst the chirche of Alhalewyn of Oxenforde, [between the tenement of the Hospital of St. John] w*ith*oute the Est yate of the one p*ar*te, and the lond of Geffrey
20 Hen[xs]e[y] of the other p*ar*te, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis ou*er* alle, and eysementis: To be had and to be hold, for hym and his heires or his assignes for eu*er*, that is to sey, that the forsaid Rob*er*t nother his heires or his assignes shold not have power to
24 chalenge or axe afterward ony right or clayme in the forsaid selde, with all his p*er*tynentis and eysementis, by the occasion of ony right. And for this relese, & *cetera*, the forsaid abbesse and mynchons yaf to hym x. *shillings* viij. d. before handes.
28 Into witnesse, & *cetera*[2].

Sale to Godstow, by Robert blacksmith, of his interest in no. 542.

Purchase money, 10*s*. 8*d*.

[1] 'Roberti nigrifabri' in the Latin. 'Robertus niger faber' might be 'Robert Black, smith,' i.e. white-smith or cutler.

[2] 'Iohanne de Coleshille tunc maiore Oxon.' He took office at Michaelmas, 1269.

About 1289.

[547.] A Charter quyte-claymyng to William fitz Petir of karsynton of a selde in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenforde.

Sale to Godstow, by William son of Peter of Karsynton, * leaf 122. of his interest in no. 546.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Petir of karsynton relesed, graunted, and vttirly quyte-claymed for ever, for hym and his heires or his assignes, to god & *cetera* and to *the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god and to serve for euer, all his right and clayme that he had or myght haue in that seld that is I-sette bitwene the tenement that was somtyme of Geffrey Henxsey, of the one parte, in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford, and the tenement of the hospitall of seynt Iohn without the Est yate of Oxenford, of the other parte, with all his pertynentis, the whiche selde he had of the yifte of the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe aforesaid: To be had and to be hold, with all his pertynentis, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer: So that nother the forsaid William fitz Petir of karsynton, nother his heires, nother his assignes, myght chalenge or axe afterward ony right or clayme in the forsaid selde. And for this relese and quyte-claymyng the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym xij. *shillings* before handes in warison. Into witnesse, & *cetera*[1].

Purchase-money, 12*s*.

[Peter son of Torald's gift, as in no. 525.]

* leaf 154, back. About 1200.

[548.] * A Charter of Estrilde the doughtir of Gerebode Goldsmyth, I-made to Turolde Cordewaner her nevew, for half her lond.

Sale to Torald, cordwainer, by Estrild daughter of Gerebold, of half a piece of land,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Estrilde, the doughter of Gerebode Goldsmyth, graunted, lete, and delyuered, to Turolde, Cordewaner, her nevew, half toward the Est of all the lond that is bitwene the lond of laurence fitz wyarde and the lond of Geffrey Goldsmyth (the which is of the fee of the chirch of Oseneye), to hym and to his heires: To be had and to be hold, of her and her heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely iij. *shillings* at ij. termes of the yere for all seruyce. Of the which she willed and comaunded surely that the forsaid Turolde and his heires shold yelde yerely for

subject to 2*s*. 6*d*. quit-rent to the chief lord,

[1] 'Willelmo appotecario tunc maiore Oxon.' He took office at Michaelmas, 1288.

her and her heires to the chief lord' xv. d'. in the morow of Estir, and iij. d'. to her and to her heires, at the same *ter*me, [and xv. d. and iii. d.[1], in the same way, at Michaelmas]. And she and her heiris warantiȝed' half the forsaid' lond' to the forsaid' Turolde and to his heires ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, letyng, delyu*er*yng, and her warantiȝyng of the afore-dyuyded' lond', Turolde yaf to her x. *shillings* in knowlech. And þat the afore-dyuyded' lond' shold' be sur*e*, [& *cetera*].

and 6*d*. quit-rent to the mesne lord.

Purchase-money, 10*s*.

[549.] * A Chart*er* of Richard' Fitȝ William and Estrilde his modir co*n*fermyng the graunte and delyueraunce of half that lond' toward' the Est.

* leaf 120, back. About 1200.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Richard' fitȝ William and Estrilde his modir confermed' and ratified' the grauntyng and the delyueraunce of half of all that grounde toward' the Est, the which is bitwene the lond' of laurence fitȝ william[2] and the lond' of Geffrey Goldsmyth the which is of the fee of the chirch of Oseney, the which half Estrilde his modir lete and delyu*er*ed' to Torald' Cordewayner: and therfor he graunted', and confermed' w*it*h this *pre*sent chart*er*, the forsaid' half of all the forsaid' that grounde to the forsaid' Torald' and to his heires: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordes xv. d'. in the morow of Estir day, and iij. d'. to hym and to his heires the same day, and at Mighelmasse xv. d'. to the chief lord', and iij. d' to hym and to his heires at the same *ter*me, for all seruyce. And he and his heires warantiȝed' the forsaid' tenement to the forsaid' Torald' and to his heires ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, of the forsaid' tenure the ofte saide Toralde yaf to hym xxiij. *shillings* iiij. d'. And for-asmoche as he wold' that all the forsaid' lond' shold' be sure, & *cetera*.

Sale to Torald, by Richard son of William, of his interest in no. 548,

subject to the same quit-rents.

Purchase-money, £1 3*s*. 4*d*.

[550.] * A Charter of Iohn Fitȝ Gerarde of Walyngforde I-made to Petir fitȝ Torald' in All Halewyn parissh of Oxenford', quyte-claymyng to hym for eu*er* a tenement for iij. mark ster*lynge*s.

* leaf 119, back. About 1225.

THE sentence of this charter is that Iohn fitȝ Gerald' of Walyngford' sold', lete, and quyte-claymed', for hym and his heires,

Sale to Peter son of Torald,

[1] See in no. 549.

[2] 'Wyarde' in no. 548.

by John son of Gerald, for £2, of a rent-charge of 7s., subject to quit-rents of 2s. 6d. and 6d.

to Petir Fitz Toralde and to his heires for ever, for iij. marke of sterlyngis the which he toke of hym, all [the right] that he had in that lond the which is bitwene the chief mese that was somtyme of Geffrey Goldsmythe and another mese that was of the same Geffrey next to the mese of Robert Wyarde in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford, of the whiche (that is to sey) londe the forsaid Geffrey and his heires were I-wonyd to yeld to hym vij. *shillings* by yere, And he was I-wonyd to yeld for the same lond to Raaf fitz Robert ij. *shillings* vj. d. by yere and to Robert Fitz Richard vj. d. by yere. And that þat tenement, *with* the pertynentis, and all the right that he had in the same tenement, shold abide sauf frely and quyetly, as he had hit fully and held, to the forsaid Petir and to his heires, as[1] the heires of Geffrey Goldsmyth held[2] of the forsaid Petir and his heires as they held of hym, and of[3] þe same Petir and his heires held[2] hit of Raaf fitz Robert and of Robert fitz Richard of Walyngford evyir as he helde. This writyng he confermed hit with his seale, & *cetera*.

* leaf 120. About 1225.

[551.] *A Charter of Iohn fitz Gerard of Walyngford I-made to Petir Torald for a mese I-solde for iij. marke of sterlyngis.

Duplicate of no. 550.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn fitz Gerard of Walyngford sold, lette, and quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires, to Petir fitz Torald and to his heires for euer, for iij. marke of sterlyngis the which he toke of hym, all [the right] that he had in that lond the which is bitwene the chief mese that was somtyme of Geffrey Goldsmyth and another mese that was of the same Geffrey next to the mese of Robert Wyarde in All halewyn parissh in Oxenford, of the which (that is to sey) aforsaid lond Geffrey and his heires were I-wonyd to yeld to hym vij. *shillings* by yere, and he was y-wonyd to yeld for the same lond to Raaf fitz Robert ij. *shillings* vj. d. by yere and to Robert fitz Richard vj. d by yere. And that *þat* tenement, *with* the pertynentis, and all the right that he had in the same tenement, myght abide, save[4] frely and quyetly, to the forsaid Petir and to his heires as he had hit and held hit fully, as[1] the heires of Geffrey Goldsmyth held[2] of the forsaid Petir and

[1] Read 'and that' for 'as.'
[2] Read 'should hold it' for 'held.'
[3] Read 'that' for 'of.'
[4] Read 'safely.'

his heires [as they had] held' of hym, and bothe Petir and his heires held'[1] of Raaf' fitz Robert and of Robert fitz Richard' of Walyngford' as he held'. This writyng' he confermed' with
4 his seale, & *cetera*.

[552.] *A Charter of Alice somtyme the wyf of' Raaf fitz Robert I-made to petir Torald' for iiij. *shillings* in Alhalewyn' parissh of Oxenford'. * leaf 122. About 1230.

Sale to Peter son of Torald, by Alice widow of Ralph son of Robert,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Alice, that was the wyf of Raaf fitz Robert, graunted', lete, and with her charter confermed', to Petir fitz Torald' and to his heires for euer, iiij.
8 *shillings* by yere of ij. tenementis the which he held' of her for v. *shillings* by yere in Alhalewyn' parissh of Oxenford', the which tenement Walter Goldsmyth' held' of her by heritage, for the which tenement the forsaid' Petir and his heires shold' yelde
12 to hym[2] and to his[2] heires xij. d'. yerely for all' seruyce, demaunde, and exaccion'. And Alice and her heires shold' warantize to the forsaid' Petir and to his heires the forsaid' iiij. *shillings* ayenst all' men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the for-
16 said' Petir yaf to her iij. mark, of siluer in warison'. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

of 4*s*. quit-rent, reserving 1*s*. quit-rent.

Purchase-money, £2.

[553.] *A Charter of Robert fitz Richard' Leaute of Walyngford' quyte-claymyng' to Petir fitz Torald' xij. d'. of yerely rente. * leaf 119, back. About 1230.

Sale to Peter son of Torald, by Robert son of Richard,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert fitz Richard' Leaute of Walyngford' sold' and quyte-claymed', for hym and his
20 heires, to Petir fitz Torald', and to his heires or to whom-so-euer he wold' assigne hit, xij. d'. of yerely rente the which he ought to hym of ij. tenementis, the which tenementis Walter Goldsmyth' held' of hym and of his heires heritably in Alhalewyn'
24 parissh of Oxenford'. And for þis quyte-claymyng' the forsaid' Petir yaf to hym viij. *shillings* of sterlyngis. And that thise aforsaid' thynges shold be sure, & *cetera*[3].

of the quit-rent of 1*s*. reserved in no. 552.

Purchase-money, 8*s*.

[1] Read 'should hold it' for 'held.'
[2] Read 'her.'
[3] The above rent-charges are slumped together in Peter son of Torald's All Saints gift in no. 525.

* leaf 120, back. About 1260.

[554.] * A Charter of Walter Goldsmyth fitz Geffrey Goldsmyth of Oxenford knowlechyng hym-self and his heires to be hold to the mynchons of Godestowe in xiiij. *shillings* of yerely rent of ij. houses in Alle halewyn parissh of Oxenforde.

Acknowledgement to Godstow, by Walter goldsmith,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter Goldsmyth fitz Geffrey Goldsmyth of Oxenford, knowleched hym-self and his heires, to be holde to the Abbesse of Godestowe in xiiij. *shillings* of sterlyngis of yerely rente for ever, of ij. houses beyng in Alhalewyn parissh in the Cite of Oxenford, the which lye bitwene the lond of Philippe Pady of the one parte and the lond of the said Walter of the other: To be take yerely at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vij. *shillings* and at oure lady day in marche vij. *shillings*; The which xiiij. *shillings* Petir Toralde yaf to the forsaid house of Godestowe into pure fre and perpetuel almesse. He graunted also that they shold haue fre entryng and goyng out to distreyne in the said houses yf the said rent were not fully I-paid in the termes I-ordeyned. Into witnesse of the which thynge he confermed this present writyng with the pryntyng of his seale, & *cetera*, for hym and his heires. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

of obligation to pay 14*s*. yearly rent-charge, as in no. 525.

* leaf 120. About 1260.

[555.] * A charter of Walter Goldsmyth fitz Geffrey Goldsmyth knowlechyng hym-self and his heires to be hold to the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe in xiiij. *shillings* of yerely rente of ij. houses in Alle halewyn parisshe of Oxenforde.

Duplicate of no. 554.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter Goldesmyth, the sone of Geffrey Goldsmyth of Oxenford, made a knowlechyng hym and his heires to be hold, to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, in xiiij. *shillings* of sterlynges of yerely rent for ever, of ij. houses in all halewyn parissh in the Cite of Oxenford, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Philippe Pady of the one parte and the lond of the said Walter of the other, to be take yerely at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vij. *shillings* and at seynt mary day in marche vij. *shillings*, the [which[1]] xiiij. *shillings* Petir Torald [gave] to the *for-

* leaf 120, back.

[1] It is more probable that a dropped word ought to be supplied (cp. no. 554) than that the definite article should be used as relative pronoun, like *der* in German. See p. 377, l. 13.

said house of Godestowe into pure free and perpetuel almesse for ever. He graunted also that they shold have fre entryng and goyng out to distreyne in the said houses yf the said rente
4 were not fully I-paid in the termes I-sette. Into witnes of the which thynge he confermed this present writyng with the pryntyng of his seale, for hym and his heires, & *cetera* [1].

[John Pady's gift.]

[556.] * A Charter of Iohn Pady for vj. *shillings* viij. d. of yerely rente in the towne of Oxenford of the corner house in the chirche-yerde of Alhalowyn chirche. * leaf 122. About 1250.

Grant to Godstow, by John Pady, of 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly rent-charge,

THE sentence of this charter is that Iohn Pady, burgeys
8 of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god and to serue for ever, half j. marke of yerely rent of his house, the which is in the corner of Alhalewyn chirch-yerd with-in the borow of Oxenford, the
12 whiche is I-sette bitwene the lond of Adam Cruste of the one parte, to be take at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xx. d, [at Christmas, xx. d., and at Our Lady day in March, xx. *d.*], and at Midsomer xx. d: And he willed
16 that the forsaid half mark, shold be assigned to the clothyng of the mynchons of the forsaid monastery: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to þe said mynchons and to ther successours, frely and quyetly pesibly and holy fro
20 all seculer exaccion and demaunde and sute of all maner courte, into pure and perpetuel almesse, as ony almesse myght beste frely and surely be yeve. And he willed also and graunted fulle * power to the said mynchons and to ther successours,
24 or to ther certayn attourneys, to distreyne hym and his heires or his assignes in the forsaid tenement fro day into day, yf hit were not I-satisfied fully in ony terme to the said mynchons or to ther successours, or to ther certayn assignes, of the said
28 rent. And Iohn Pady and his heires or his assignes shold warantize aquyte and defende for euer the forsaid rente to the said mynchons and to ther successours, or to ther assignes, ayenst all peple. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

for the clothing of the nuns.

* leaf 122, back. Power of distraint.

[1] Among the witnesses are: Adam Feteplace, *maior*, and Jeffrey goldsmith, and Richard, son of Nicholas, *praepositi*, of Oxford: who come about 1260.

[Quit-rent from Hugh Hore.]

About 1255.

[557.] A Charter of feffement to hugh hore of Iohn Curcy for a Selde in Alle halewyn parissh of Oxenforde.

Sale to Hugh Hore, by John Curcy, of a seld, stall, and cellar, in the mercery,

THE sentence of this charter is þat Iohn Curcy of Oxenford yaf & *cetera* to hugh hore of Oxenford, mercer, a selde, *with* the stalle afore and a Celer vndir, *with* his pertynentis, that is to sey, that selde *with* the stalle and Celer and his pertynentis the which lye bitwene the lond that was of Iohn Bernard of the Est parte and the selde that was of Iohn Tod of the other parte, in the mercery in Allehalewyn parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires, or to whom-so-ever he wold yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit in helth or in sikenesse, frely quyetly holy pesibly and worshipfully for euer, yeldyng yerely to the abbot of Oseneye viij. *shillings* of siluer at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse iiij. *shillings* and at * Ester iiij. *shillings*; And to Adam Feteplace ij. *shillings* at the same termes, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xij. d. and at Ester xij. d.; And to hym and to his heires j. d. at whitsontyde, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And Iohn Curcy and his heires warantized aquyted and defended, by the forsaid service, all the forsaid thynges, that is to sey, selde [and] Celer *with* stalle afore-writte, to the forsaid hugh and his heires, and to his assignes, ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid hugh yaf to hym before hondes xij. marks of sterlyngis in warison. And þat all þise þyngis, & *cetera*[1].

subject to quit-rents of 8*s.* to Osney, * leaf 123. 2*s.* to Adam Feteplace, and 1*d.* to grantor and his heirs.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £8.

1271, Oct. 16.

[558.] * A Charter of Richard fitz hugh, relesyng and quyte-claymyng to hugh hore, all the right and clayme that he had in a selde *with* the stalle and celer and the pertynentis in alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford.

Sale to Hugh Hore, by Richard

THE sentence of this relese and quyte-claymyng is, that Richard fitz hugh graunted, relesed, and quyte-claymed for ever,

[1] Witnesses include: Adam Feteplace, *maior*, and Adam son of Walter and Roger Bonvalet, *ballivi*, of Oxford.

for hym and his heir*es* and his assignes, all his right and clayme that he had or myght have in a selde w*ith* a stalle and celer and p*er*tynentis that he had in Oxenforde, the which selde w*ith* the
4 p*er*tynentis he axed of the forsaid hugh by a breef of entryng that is I-called 'breve introitus' afore s*er* Martyn litelber*e*, the kyngis Iustice at that tyme, and his felawes: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid hugh and his heires or his assignes,
8 frely quyetly wele and in pease for eu*er*. And for this relese, & *cetera*, the forsaid hugh yaf to hym afore the forsaid s*er* martyn, the kyngis Iustice, xvj. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warison. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Westmynst*er*, the friday
12 next afore the fest of seynt luke the Euangelist, the fyve and fyfty yere of the reigne of kyng henry the son*e* of kyng Iohn.

son of Hugh, of his interest in no. 557.

Purchase-money, 16*s*.

[Luke = Oct. 18.]

[559.] A Charter to Mariote, the doughtir of hugh hore of Oxenford, I-made by hugh hore to the same, for a stalle and a celer vndir, for her seruyce.

About 1276.

The sentence of this charter is, that hugh hore of Oxenford
16 yaf & *cetera* to Marione his doughtir, for her seruyce, a benche w*ith* a Celer vndir, that is bitwene the house of laurence Bernarde of the west p*ar*te and Isowde Champeneis of the Est p*ar*te in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be
20 holde, of hym and his heires, to the same Marione and to her heires or to whom-so-ever and when-so-ever [s]he wold yeve selle or bequeth or assigne hit, frely and quyetly wele and in pease for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his
24 heires one rose at Midsomer, and doyng to the chief lord of that fee dewe service and I-wonyd, for all seruyce custome and seculer demaunde. And hugh and his heires warantized and defended the forsaid benche (or stalle), w*ith* the Celer and the
28 p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid marione, and to her heires, or to whom-so-ever and whan-so-ever she wold yeve selle bequethe or assigne hit, for eu*er* ayenst all peple. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[1].

Draft conveyance to Mariote Hore, by her father Hugh,

of a part of no. 557,

quit-rent to the mesne lord, a rose.

[1] Witnesses include: Nicholas of Kingeston, *maior*, and Jeffrey goldsmith and Nicholas of Coleshull, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office Michaelmas, 1275.

* leaf 122, back. About 1278.

[560.] *** A Charter of hugh hore of Oxenford for xviij. shillings of yerely rent in Alle halewyn parissh of Oxenford.**

Grant to Godstow, [Nun's dower.] by Hugh Hore, of 18*s.* rent-charge over no. 557.

THE sentence of this charter is that hugh hore, of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for ever, with Mariote his doughtir admytted to the said monastery to the ordir of mynchons, one selde, with a stalle afore and a Celere vndir, with his pertynentis, the whiche selde with the stalle and Celer were I-wonyd to yelde xviij. shillings of yerely rente, And lye bitwene the house of laurence Bernard of the west parte and the selde that was of Iohn Tod of the other parte, in [the] mercery[1] in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, with the pertynentis, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, into pure and perpetuel almes, savyng dewe seruyce and I-wonyd to the chief lordes of the fee. And the said hugh and his heires or his assignes warantized and defended, withther owne costis, for euer, the said selde and Celer, with the pertynentis, and namly the said rente, to the seid mynchons and to ther successours, or to whom-so-ever they wold yeve bequethe or assigne hit, ayenst all cristen men and Iewes. And yf the said rent of the saide tenement myght not be levyed, he bounde hym-self, and his heires, and all his tenementis that he had, or myght have, in the towne of Oxenford or without, to the constreynyng and distreynyng of the baillifes of Oxenford that shold be for the tyme to the said rent yerely to be levyed for ever. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

[Warranty against Jews.]

[St. Clement's parish: see in no. 510.]

* leaf 118, back. About 1200. * leaf 119.

*** Seynt Abbis parissh** [i.e. ST. EBBE'S].

[561.] **A Charter of Richard Bewbech or feyre-beche grauntyng to * Laurence Kepeharme, of all his lond that he had in seynt Abbis parissh.**

Grant to Laurence Kepeharme, by

THE sentence of this charter is, that Richard Bewfou[2] yaf and graunted to laurence kepeharme all his lond that he had in seynt Abbis parissh in Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, of

[1] In Latin is 'masceria,' i.e. butcher's-row. Both 'masceria' and 'merceria' were in All Saints parish: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 482, 490.

[2] For 'Beaufou,' 'Ricardus de bello fago.'

hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, yeldyng therof yerely j. li. of Comyn at Mighelmasse for all seruyce. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the afore-named Laurence yaf to hym 4 iiij. *shillings* of sterlyngis. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Richard Beaubeche, of land (as in no. 521). Quit-rent, 1 lb. of cummin.

*** The parissh of Seynt Edward[1].**

* leaf 129, back.

[562.] An endenture bitwene Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and Thomas harpham, perpetuell vicary of the chirche of Seynt Edward in Oxenford, for an halle that is I-called shiphalle in the same parissh, with a place of londe, & *cetera*.

1307, Sept. 29.

THE sentence of this endenture is, that Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, graunted and toke to Thomas Harpham, perpetuel vicary of seynt Edward-is 8 chirch in Oxenford, ther halle that is I-called shiphalle in the same parissh[2], with a place bitwene that same halle and a tenement somtyme of Iohn Weston: To be had and to be holde, with all the Chambirs and Courtis, and with the forsaid place, 12 to the terme of x. yere, and (yf he live lenger) to the terme of his lyf, yeldyng by yere to them and to ther successours xxviij. *shillings* for the halle with the pertynentis, and iiij. *shillings* with[3] the place, for all services, at iiij. vsuall termes of the 16 yere: So nathelesse that the forsaid ser Thomas shold susteyne the forsaid halle and all maner chambris, with the kechyn and stable, with his owne costis, all the dayes of his lyf in all so good a state or better than he resceived hit. And he shold 20 bilde[4] the forsaid place, the which conteynyth iiij. perchis and j. half in lengthe and xvj. foote in brede[5] new, with his owne costis; and he shold susteyne hit all his tyme. And * hit shold not be lawfull to the same sir Thomas to yeve, take, or 24 assigne to ony man the forsaid houses, but for his tyme, and that without preiudice or harme of the forsaid Abbesse and

Lease by Godstow, to Thomas Harpham, vicar of St. Edward's, of 'Ship Hall' in St. Edward's parish and a building-site, [Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 280.] for life-term, at rents, 28*s*. and 4*s*. Obligations to repair the buildings of the 'hall,' and to build on the site.

* leaf 130.

[1] St. Edward's was a small, evanescent parish, now represented by Christ Church Peckwater Quadrangle. The lands here came to Godstow through Stephen, son of Waryn miller: see nos. 529, 530.

[2] In no. 565 it is placed in St. Frideswyde's parish, in which St. Edward's was merged.

[3] Read 'for' for 'with.'

[4] The MS. reads here: 'the place aforsaid the which conteyneth in lengthe iiij. perchis and i. half in lengthe and xvj. foote in brede with his owne costis. And he shold bilde' redundantly.

[5] These measurements are the same in the Latin Register. In spite of the inconsistency of the measurements it is conceivable that this site is that described in no. 568, as in St. Frideswyde's parish.

Couente, nother [to] cast downe houses I-bilded or to longe-away [1] fro the seid place. And yf hit so happened (that god forbede) that the forsaid houses, by or thurgh defaute of mendyng, were ruynowse, or were I-brente thurgh ony mysse-case but that fire come of the next house, the forsaid Thomas shold bilde agayn the forsaid houses *with* his owne costis. And yf hit were I-cesed in the payment of the forsaid rente in the *ter*mes aboue-said, hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Covente, by ther atto*ur*ney, to entre the forsaid tenement and to take and hold all maner of goodes and catallis I-founde in the same, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to the said abbesse and Couente (of the [2]) bothe of ther arreragis of the rente and also for the defaute of the amendyng and repairyng of the forsaid houses, by the sight of good men, vndir the payn of x. mark, to be paid to the subsidie of the holy lond. And yf the forsaid *ser* Thomas come necligently or maliciously ayenst this p*re*sent couenaunte, hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and couente to entre the forsaid tenementis and to hold them as ther owne fre tenement, *with*-out ony agayn-saiyng or reclaymyng of the forsaid *ser* Thomas, notw*ith*stondyng ony p*r*iuylege of the vnyu*er*site of Oxenford I-yeve by taxyng or to be I-ordeyned or I-iuged in ony other maner wyse ayenst the forme of this p*re*sent writyng, tille hit be fully I-satisfied to the said abbesse and couente of the harme, by the sight of trew men. And aft*er* the decesse of the forsaid Thomas, the forsaid tenement I-bilded, w*ith*-out ony distruccion or wast, sholde turne agayn to the forsaid religious women, w*ith*out ony wrongyng of the heires or executours of the forsaid Thomas. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Thomas paid to them before handes xxviij. *shillings*. Into witnesse of the same thynge, eu*er*ych of the p*ar*ties put ther seales to this p*re*sent writynge endented. The date, at Godestowe, in seynt Mighell day, the yere of our lord a thousand thre hundred and seven.

Provision in case of fire.

Power of distraint.

Penalty of £6 13*s*. 4*d*. to 'the subsidy of the Holy Land.'

Privilege of the University of Oxford not to be invoked by the lessee.

Purchase-money, £1 8*s*.

1373, April 11.

[563.] A chart*er* bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and þe scolers of Caunt*er*bury hall.

Grant by Godstow, to

By this endenture bothe tho that ben now, and to be, may knowe þat Anneys Stretelegh, abbesse of Godestowe, and the

[1] i.e. separate (by grant).
[2] Omit. The scribe did not score out his false start before 'bothe.'

Couente of the same place, yaf & *cetera*, to the keper and scolers of Caunterbury halle[1], in the towne of Oxenford, all ther owne halle I-called Shiphalle, *with* his *per*tynentis, I-sette in seynt Edward-is strete of Oxenford, bitwene Vynhalle of the north *par*te and the forsaid halle of the forsaid keper and scolers of Caunt*er*bury of the southe p*ar*te. They yaf also and graunted to the same keper and scolers one voide place of ther owne lond there, conteynyng in length foure-score foote, and in brede iiij. foote[2], liyng bitwene Vynhalle of the one p*ar*te and the said Caunt*er*bury halle of that other p*ar*te, wherof one hede of the forsaid voide place of lond buttith vnto the walle of the forsaid abbesse and Couente the which is I-called Spaldyng entre: To * be holde and to be had, *with* all his *per*tynentis ou*er* all and his co*m*moditees also, *with* the forsaid vacant place of lond, to the forsaid keper and scolers and to ther successours the whiche shold be keper and scolers, of the forsaid Caunt*er*bury halle, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for eu*er*, of the chief lordes of that fee by seruyce dew therof and I-wonyd, yeldyng therof yerely to them, and to ther successours, or to ther assignes all, xx. *shillings* of lawfull money at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, begynnyng at the fest of seynt Mighell, that shold be next at the yere after the said t*er*me after the date of this p*re*sent writyng, x. *shillings*, and at the fest of our lady in marche x. *shillings*, for all seruyces customes exaccions and seculer demaundes longyng to them and to ther successours. And yf hit happed the forsaid rente of the forsaid xx. *shillings* to be behynde by xv. daies after ony t*er*me of the forsaid t*er*mes, in p*ar*te or in all, the keper and the scolers willed and graunted, for them and ther successours that were for the tyme, that fro that tyme hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couente, and to ther successours, to entre in the forsaid ship-halle and in the forsaid Caunt*er*bury hall, and in eu*er*ych p*ar*te, *with* the said p*ar*cell of lond and the p*ar*cell of the same halle and lond, for distreynyngis to be take, and to take all distreynyngis I-founde in them, to bere, to lede away, and to hold to them-self, *with*out agayn-saiynge of the forsaid keper and scolers or of ony other, tille that hit be fully I-satisfyed of the

Canterbury Hall, of 'Ship Hall' in St. Edward Street, ['Vine Hall': Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 171.] and a building site (as in no. 562).

* leaf 130, back.

Quit-rent, 20*s.* yearly.

Power to distrain for rent,

both in Ship Hall and in Canterbury Hall.

[1] Canterbury College: Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 275–89.
[2] The Latin says: '12 feet wide.'

forsaid' rente and arreragis and expenses, yf there were ony. And the forsaid' abbesse and couente and ther successours warantiȝed' for euer all the forsaid' halle I-called' Shiphalle, with the forsaid' vacante place of lond', with all ther pertynentis over 4 all and ther commoditees, as hit is I-seid' afore, to the forsaid' keper and scolers of the forsaid' Caunterbury halle, and to ther successours, keper and scolers, that sold' be there for a tyme, agayn all peple. Into witnesse of the which they put ther 8 commune seales, euerych to others endenture, & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford', the monday next after the feste of seynt Ambrose the bisshop and confessour, The yere of our lord' a Mil thre hundred' thre score xiij, and xlvij. yere of the reigne 12 of kyng Edward' the thirde.

[Ambrose = April 4.]

1373, April 20.

[564.] A Charter of the Priour of Crist chirche of Caunterbury to the same Religious women confermyng for ever-more the forsaid' halle and xx. *shillings* of yerely rente, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Christ Church, Canterbury, as patrons of Canterbury Hall,

THE sentence of this charter is, that the priour of crist chirche of Caunterbury and the Couente of the same place willed' to be know, by this present writyng, that for-asmoche 16 that the keper and scolers of the Collage of ther halle of Caunterbury, and ther successours, were hold' and I-bound to the religious women abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, and to ther successours, in a yerely rente of xx. *shillings* for certayn 20 londes and tenementis, by licence of the kynge, of the forsaid' abbesse and Couente I-gete or purchased' to the same keper and scolers in Oxenford', to be paid' at certayn termes for euer, as hit is I-conteyned' fully in certayn endentures I-made bitwene 24 them therof, by the which the forsaid' londis and tenementis were * I-delyuered' to the forsaid' keper and scolers, They willed' and graunted', for them and ther successours for euer, by thise present lettres, that yf the said' rente of xx. *shillings* were 28 behynde, not I-paid', in parte or in all, at ony terme by a monthe, fro that tyme hit sold' be lawfull to the said' abbesse and Covente of Godestowe, and to ther successours, and to ther procuratour that sold' be for the tyme, to entre in the seid' 32 College, with his pertynentis, and in all parcels of the same, to take distresses, and distresses so I-take to dreve and bere

* leaf 131.

of power to distrain for the rent in no. 563,

away, and to holde them to them-self, tille they were fully I-satisfyed of the said rente, arreragis, harmys and expenses: and yf hit happened that the forsaid abbesse and Couente of 4 Godestowe, or ther successours, myght not take sufficient distresse for the forsaid rente in the forsaid College *with* the *per*tynentis, fro that tyme forth hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couente, and to ther successours, or to ther 8 attourney, to entre to take distresses in ther maner of Newenton, *with* the *per*tynentis, in Oxenford-shire, to whos-so-ever hondes hit come, *with*out ony calumpnye or lette, And the distresses so I-take to dryve and bere away and to *with*-holde 12 to them-self, tille hit were fully I-satisfyed of all the forsaid rente, arreragis, harmes, and expenses, to the same religious women. The date in ther Chapit*er* of Caunt*er*bury, vndir ther co*m*mune seale, the xx. day of the monthe of Averel, the xlvij^ti^ 16 yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde aft*er* the conquest.

not only over Canterbury Hall itself,

but in the manor of Newington, near Wallingford.

* The parisshe of seynt Frideswythe the virgyne.

* leaf 129.

[565.] * A quyte-clayme of henry Inge of Oxenford for shiphalle in Seynt Frideswithe parisshe [1].

* leaf 132. About 1270.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that henry Inge relesed, and quyte-claymed, to Isowde, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couente of the same place, all the right and clayme that he 20 had, or myght haue in ony wise, in that mese, *with* all his *per*tynentis, in seynt Frideswith parissh, that is bytwene the lond of the priour of Frideswith of Oxenford and the lond of Iohn kepeharme, that he had of Emme Bluet, abbesse somtyme of 24 Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, to the *ter*me of his lyf and of Margery his wyf: so, that is to sey, that henry Inge, or ony in his name, shold not haue power fro that tyme forth to chalenge ony right or clayme in the forsaid mese, *with* 28 the *per*tynentis. And for this relesynge and quyte-claymyng, the forsaid abbesse of Godestowe yaf to hym xlvj. *shillings* viij. d. of siluer. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera* [2].

Sale to Godstow, by Henry Inge,

of his interest in Ship Hall.

Purchase-money, £2 6s. 8d.

[1] In no. 562 Ship Hall is put in St. Edward's parish, which was joined to St. Frideswyde's about this time.

[2] John of Coleshulle, maior, is witness. He took office at Michaelmas, 1269.

About 1275.

[566.] A charter of Iohn Pady and Agas his wyf, I-made to maister Philippe Spryngam, for a mese in Oxenford in seynt Frideswith parisshe, & cetera.

Sale to Philip Springham, by John Pady, of a messuage in Shidyerd Street.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Pady and Agas his wyf yaf, & *cetera*, to Philippe Spryngam a mese, with his pertynentis, that is I-sette bitwene the lond that was of Roger Sauser of the one partie and the lond of Moolde hordele of the other parte, in Shideyerde strete in seynt Frideswithe parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be holde, to the forsaid Philip and to his heires or to his assignes, of them and ther heires or ther * assignes, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for euer, yeldyng therof yerely, to them and to ther heires, one clowe-gelofre at Ester; and to the chief lordes of the fee seruyce dew and I-wonyd, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Iohn and Agas his wyf and ther heires and ther assignes warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid mese, with his pertynentis, to the forsaide Philippe and to his heires or to his assignes, by the forsaid seruyce, ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewes for ever. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Philippe yaf to hym xx. marke of sterlyngis afore-handes. And that all thise afore writyngis shold be sure for euer, & *cetera* [1].

* leaf 132, back.

Quit-rent to the mesne lord, a clove-gilly flower.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £13 6s. 8d.

About 1279.

[567.] A relese and quyte-clayme of Agas, somtyme the wyf of Iohn Pady of Oxenford, I-made to maister Philippe Spryngam, for a mese in Shydeyerde strete in seynt Frideswyth parissh of Oxenford.

Sale to Philip Springham, by Agas, widow of John Pady, of her interest in no. 566.

[Free marriage.]

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Agas, somtyme the wyf of Iohn Pady, in her lawfull wedowhode, relesed and quyte-claymed, for her and her heires or her assignes, to Maister Philippe Spryngam [2], all the right and clayme that she had or myght have in all that mese that she [3] had of the yifte or sellyng of the forsaid Iohn Pady somtyme her husbond, in Shideyerde in the parissh of seynt Frideswith of Oxenford, the which mese was her free mariage: To be had and to be

[1] Among the witnesses are: Nicholas of Kyngeston, *maior*, and Jeffry of Hengseye, and John of Eu, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1274.

[2] Philip le Waleys or Springaun: in the Latin.

[3] Read 'he.'

hold', to the same Philippe and to his heires, after the fourme of the yifte that she had' therof of her husbond' afore-said', so that nother she nother her heires or her assignes fro that tyme forth
4 shold' not have power to chalenge ony right in the said' mese. And for this relese, & *cetera*, the forsaid' philippe yaf to her C. *shillings* of sterlyngis. And that this her relese, & *cetera*[1]. Purchase-money, £5.

[568.] * A Charter of Alisaundre Eynysham, relesyng' and quyteclaymyng', to the Abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place, all' the right and clayme that he had' or myght haue in one acre[2] of londe in seynt Fridiswyth' parisshe. * leaf 129. 129$\frac{8}{9}$, March 11.

THE sentence of this relese and quyte-clayme is, that Quit-claim to Godstow,
8 Alisaundre Eynysham graunted', lete, relesed', and quyteclaymed', for hym and his * heires, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place, all' the right and clayme that he had', or in ony wise myght haue, in one acre[2] of londe, con-
12 teynyng' in lengthe xv. fote and in brede xxvj. fote[3], the which lieth' bitwene the lond' of the seid' abbesse on that one parte and the lond' somtyme of Philippe Feteplace of the other parte, and one hede strecchith' hit-self vpon the lond' of Thomas Sowy
16 and another vpon the lond' of the seid' abbesse: To be had' and to be hold', to the said' abbesse and Couente and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer; So that nother the seid' Alisaundre, nother his heires, nother none in his name,
20 nother in the name of his heires, nother by hym, nother for hym, nother for his heires, sholde haue power or myght afterward' to axe, clayme, or chalenge ony right or clayme in the forsaid' ground' of lond', or in his pertynentis; but he and they
24 made them to be excluded' fro all' accions, peticions, and right, for euer. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' abbesse and couente perdoned' hym all' the arreragis of a yerely rente of v. *shillings*, the whiche he and his heires or his assignes owed'
28 to paye to the forsaid' abbesse and Couente for his tenement that he held', vnto the day of the makyng' of this present writyng'. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford', the

* leaf 129, back. by Alexander of Einsham, of a plot of land.

[1] Witnesses include: Henry Owayn, *maior*, and Philip of Ew and Elias le quilter, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1278.

[2] The Latin has the misreading *acra* in the rubric, but 'area' in the text.

[3] These dimensions are the same in the Latin copy: see no. 562

[Gregory, pope = March 12.] wedensday next afore seynt Gregory pope, the xxvij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry.

* leaf 153, back. 130⅝, Jan. 7.

[569.] * A Charter of Anneys, that was the wyf of Alisaundir Eynysham, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, quyte-claymyng alle her right that she hadde in a place in Shideyerd in Oxenford.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Agnes, widow of Alexander of Einsham,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Anneys, that was the wyf of Alisaundir Eynysham, in her lawfull power and pure wedowhode, relesed and vttirly quyte-claymed, for her and her heires for euer, without ony agayn-holdyng, to the abbesse and couent of Godestow and to ther successours, all her right and clayme that she had or myght haue in that place, with all his pertynentis ouer all, vpon the which place one kechon was I-bilded, And the which place Alisaundir of Eynysham and Anneys his wyf yaf, afore the statute of the kyng, to the abbesse and couent of Godestowe and to ther successours for euer, and enfeffed by there owne charter, the which lieth in shideyerd in Oxenford, by-twene þe tenement of Thomas Sowy of the north partie and the tenement of the forsaid abbesse and Couent of Godestowe of the sowth parte, so þat nother she ne none other in her name, by her, or for her, sholde never afterward aske or chalenge ony right or clayme in the forsaid * place, with all his pertynentis ouer all. And the forsaid Anneys and her heires warantized and defended for euer all the forsaid place, with all his pertynentis ouer all, to the forsaid abbesse and couente of Godestowe and to ther successours, ayenst all peple. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*. The date at Oxonford, the Tewesday next after the Twelf day, the second yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

of all title in no. 567.

* leaf 154.

[Twelfth-day = Jan. 6.]

* leaf 95.

*** Here begynnyth Seynt Gyles paryssh of Oxenford.**

[1. Deeds relating to the Church.]

About 1150?

[570.] Another Charter for the tythis of the ploughmen of the same Walter Archidekon in Walton.

Record of grant to

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter, Archidekon of Oxenford, made to be know to all cristen men that his

plough-men in Waltoñ, in the dedicacioñ of the chirche of seynt Gyle the whicħ is w*ith*out the northħ yate of Oxenford, yaf there tythis to the same chirche, w*ith* his assent and wille, the whicħ he graunted willed and comaunded of goddis behalf, witnesse William [1] abbot of Eynysham, & *cetera*.

St. Giles's Church, at its foundation (1130 ?), by Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, of tithe.

[571.] * Confirmacion of kynge henry þe fyrst of the churche of seynt Gyle.

* leaf I or 13, back. About 1130.

THE sentence of thys dede tellyth that Henry the fyrst, kynge, & *cetera*, Comandit the busshop of lincolne & hys archydiacon that edwynus the sone of Godgose shold haue in pece & rest hys chyrche of seynt Gylys, and put hys clerke whom he wold by hys p*re*sentment, and lett no man to here the seruice of god ne do her almus in the seyd chyrche.

Order by Henry I, confirming the independence of St. Giles's Church.

[2. Remainder of Luke of Wytham's lease.]

[572.] * A Covenaunte bitwene William fitz Dee[n] of Oxenford and luke of Wytham for xv. acris of londe in Eylmereswelle & *cetera*.

* leaf 109. 1205.

THIS was the covenaunte I-made bitwene William fitz Deen [2] of Oxenford of the one p*ar*te, and Luke of Wytham of the other p*ar*te, that the forsaid William toke and graunted to Luke to ferme xv. acris of londe, tho (that is to sey) the which lien in the tylthe of Eylmereswelle, bitwene the mede of the forsaid William and the grete wey of Wodestok, to Oxenford, next to the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe the which is I-called hodelowe: To be hold xxx. yere to the forsaid luke and to his heires or to whom he wold assigne hit, of the forsaid William and his heires, frely quyetly and pesibly, yeldyng therof yerely for all seruyce and seculer exaccion ij. s*hillings* at Mighelmasse. And the fore-named Will*iam* and his heires shold warantizze them to the forsaid Luke or to his heiris or to whom he wold assigne them ayenst all men. And for this takyng and graunte, the xxxv. yere fro the deth of seynt Thomas [3] of Caunt*er*bury

Sale of 30 years' lease, to Luke of Wytham, by William filius Decani, of land in Elmer's-well.

Quit-rent, 2*s*.

[1] William, abbot of Einsham, occurs 1148–52.

[2] In the Latin: 'Willelmus filius decani.'

[3] Thomas Becket, murdered Dec. 29, 1170.

Purchase-money, £4 13s. 4d. and 2 loads of barley.

I-begunne, the mynded luke yaf to the mynded William at the entryng vij. mark, and ij. summys of barly. And that this covenaunte shold be sure & *cetera* eche of them sette ther seales to others writyng & *cetera* [1]. 4

* leaf 97. About 1220.

[573.] *** A Charter of William Nygelle of all the lond that they had and helde of Luke of Oseneye, & *cetera*.**

Confirmation to Godstow, by William filius Nigelli, of the remainder of no. 572.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Nygelle somtyme dean of Oxenford [2] graunted, and with his charter confermed, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons ther seruyng god, all that lond that they had and held of luke of Oseneye of 8 his fee by his consent and wille and by covenaunt and charter I-made bitwene hym and the forsaid luke. The which charter the same mynchons had of the same luke, doyng therof seruyce as hit is I-conteyned in the Charter. And for al so moche that 12 he willed that he nother his heires ne none other man in the world shold do ayenst this covenaunt, he confermed thise letters with the prynte of his seal; And the terme I-passed, as hit is I-conteyned in the forsaid charter, the forsaid abbesse 16 and covent shold yelde that lond to hym or to his heires without ony contradiccion & *cetera* [3].

[3. Lands acquired from Robert Palmer.]

* leaf 107. About 1230.

[574.] *** A Charter of Walter Fitz Stephyn I-made to Robert Palmer of half an acre of his lond.**

Sale to Robert Palmer, by Walter son of Stephen, of half a messuage.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Stephyn, with the assent and wille of Goode his wyf and Richard his heire, 20 graunted, lete, and delyuered, and with this his present writyng confermed, to Robert Palmer the half of all his lond, with the pertynentis, without the north yate of Oxenford in the parissh of seynt Gyle, the which is bitwen the lond of Raaf Wittenham 24 and the lond of Richard Bolter (that, that is to sey, half, the which is in the sowthe parte), to hym and to his heires or

[1] Among the witnesses: Robert Morgan, Jeffrey Sturdi, Herebert of Piry.

[2] In the Latin: 'Willelmus filius Nigelli quondam decani Oxon.'

[3] Witnesses: William, chaplain of Godstow; Ralph Harang; Henry, steward of Godstow, &c.

to whom he wold' assigne hit: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly worshipfully and holy, yeldyng' therof yerely to hym and to his heires
4 * iiij. d'. at Mighelmasse for all seruyce and exaccion' *per*teynyng' to hym or to his heires. And he and his heires warantized' the forsaid' lond' to the forsaid' Rob*er*t, and to his heires, or to whom he wold' assigne hit, ayenst alle men and women. And for this
8 graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' Rob*er*t yaf to hym v. *shillings*, and to Rob*er*t his heire viij. *shillings* of warison'. And that all thise afore, & *cetera* [1].

* leaf 107, back.

Quit-rent, 4*d.*

Purchase-money, 5*s.* + 8*s.*

[575.] * A Chart*er* of Walter fitz Stephyn' I-made to Rob*er*t Paumere for his arable lond' conteynyng' viij. Buttis.

* leaf 98. About 1230.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Walter fitz Stephyn'
12 graunted', lete, and delyu*er*ed', and w*ith* this p*r*esent chart*er* confermed', to Rob*er*t Paumer that his arable lond' conteynyng' viij. buttis w*ith*out the north yate of Oxenford', the which lieth bitwene the kyngis halle [2] and the lond' of Raaf Pynchehast [3],
16 to hym (that is to sey) and to his heires: To be hold' and to be had', of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly, pesibly and holy, yeldyng' therof yerely to hym and to his heires xiiij. d'. the day (that is to sey) of seynt Michell' for all seruice
20 and exaccions, quarels, or ony thynge that happe. And the said' Walter and his heires warantized' the forsaid' lond' to the forenamed' Rob*er*t and to his heires ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte & *cetera* the forsaid' Rob*er*t yaf to hym
24 j. mark, of siluer in warison'. And that this his graunte, & *cetera*, he strengthed' w*ith* his seale, & *cetera*.

Sale to Robert Palmer, by Walter son of Stephen, of 8 'butts.'

Quit-rent, 1*s.* 2*d.*

Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.*

[576.] A Chart*er* of Richard' Mydnyght confermyng' the same.

About 1230.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Richard' Mydnyght graunted' and ratified' that graunte, lettyng', and delyu*er*yng', that
28 Walt*er* Midnyght his fadir made to * Rob*er*t Paumer of viij.

Confirmation to * leaf 98, back.

[1] Witnesses: Simon Balehorn, Jeffrey Sturdi, Andrew of Wolvercote, John Crompe.

[2] 'Aula domini regis,' i. e. Beaumont Palace: Wood's *City of Oxford*, iii. 269.

[3] 'Pynchehaft,' in the Latin.

Robert Palmer, by Richard Midnight, son of the grantor, of nos. 575 and 574, and grant of the second half of the messuage.

buttis of arable lond' in the feld' without the north gate of Oxenford', the which lieth in the northe parte of the kyngis wey[1] bitwene the lond' of Geffrey Sturdy and the lond' of Raaf Pynchehast; and of half a mese that is bitwene the lond' of Raaf Wittenham and the lond' of Richard' Bolter. Furthermore also Richard' aforsaid' graunted', lete, and delyuered', and with this present charter confermed', with the consent and wille of moolde his wyf, to the same Robert Paumer another half of the same mese, to hym (that is to sey) and to his heires or whom he wold' assigne hit: To be hold' and to be had', of hym and of his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly fully and holy, with all his pertynentis, yeldyng yerely for all the hole mese with the pertynentis and for the buttis afore-named' ij. *shillings* to the chief lord' of the said' tenement at Mighelmasse, and to hym and to his heires j. d'. for all seruyce and for all exaccion longyng to hym and to his heires. And he and his heires warantized' the forsaid' mese, with the pertynentis, and the buttis afore-named', to the forsaid' Robert and to his heires or his assignes ayenst all men and women. And for this ratifiyng & *cetera* the forsaid' Robert yaf to hym ij. mark, and j. half in warison. And that all thise thyngis afore-diuided' shold' be sure, & *cetera*.

Quit-rents, 2*s*. to the chief lord, 1*d*. to the mesne lord.

Purchase-money, £2 13*s*. 4*d*.

About 1230.

[577.] A Charter of Roger Waterman fitz Henry to Robert Paumer for j. mese with the partynentis.

Sale to Robert Palmer, by Roger waterman, of a messuage.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Roger Waterman fitz henry graunted', lete, and delyuered', and with this present charter confermed', to Robert Paumer of Oxenford' all his mese, with the pertynentis, that William Malier somtyme held' in Bewmounte in the parissh of seynt Gyle, that (that is to sey) that is bitwene the lond' that was of Thomas fitz Walter and the lond' that was of Robert Aylemere: To be hold' and to be had', to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and of his heires for euer, frely and quyetly, fully and holy, pesibly and worshipfully, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires xiij. d'. ob.[2] at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey at oure lady day in marche vj. d'. ob. and at Mighelmasse vj. d'. ob.; and to the chirche of

Quit-rents, 13*d*. to the lord,

[1] In error for 'hall.' 'Iuxta aulam regis,' in the Latin.
[2] The 'obolus' is added in error. In the Latin it is 'xiii*d*.'

seynt Gyle v. d. at the forsaid termes, that is to sey, at oure lady day in marche ij. d ob. and at Mighelmasse ij. d. ob., for all seruice, exaccion, and demaunde. And the said Roger and his heires warantized to the said Robert and to his heires, and to his assignes, all the forsaid mese, with the pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunt & *cetera* the forsaid Robert yaf to hym ij. mark of siluer and j. half in warison. And that all thise afore-write thyngis shold be sure, & *cetera*.

and 5*d.* to St. Giles's Church.

Purchase-money, £1 13*s.* 4*d.*

[578.] A Charter of Robert Palmer confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all the tenement with the pertynentis that walter mydnyght held in the parissh of seynt Gyle.

About 1235.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert Palmer of the parissh of Seynt Gyle of Oxenford, with the consent and assent of Roise his wyf, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, for the helthe of his soule and Roise his wyf and of the sowlys of his auncetours and successours, into pure and perpetuel almesse, all the tenement, with the pertynentis, that Walter mydnyght held in the parissh of seynt * Gyle, that is to sey, that tenement that lieth bitwene the tenement that Richard Norwich held and the tenement that Raaf Wittenham held; with viij. Buttis of arable lond in the feld without the north yate of Oxenford, the whiche ben in the northe parte of the kyngis halle bitwene the lond of Geffrey Sturdy and the lond of Raaf Pynchehaste; and the lond that he bought of Iohn Bolter, with the pertynentis, the which conteyneth in lengthe xl. elnys and iiij. in brede, and lieth next to the said tenement of the Southe parte; And the tenement, with the pertynentis that he had in bewmounte, that is to sey, that tenement that was of Roger Watirman, and lieth bytwene the tenement of Thomas vndir the walle of the one parte and the tenement of Moolde Wever of the other parte: To be had and to be hold, frely and quyetly, fully and holy, into pure and perpetuel almesse for euer, savyng the seruyces of the chief lordis of the feis aforsaid, that is to sey, to the lord of the hundred without the north yate at Mighelmas ij. *shillings*; and to the heire of the fee for the warantizyng j. d. at the said terme; And

Grant to Godstow, by Robert Palmer,

* leaf 99.

of a messuage (as in nos. 574, 575), 8 butts (no. 575),

a strip of land,

and a tenement (no. 577).

Quit-rents, 2*s.* to North Gate hundred; and to the

mesne lords 1*d.*, 1*d*, 18*d.*

to the heires of Iohn Bolter j. d̃. for the biyng̃ of the new lond̃ at the said̃ *ter*me; And to the heires of Roger Wat*er*man xviij. d̃., that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ix. d̃. and at our lady day in marche ix. d̃. And the said̃ Rob*er*t and his heires warantiȝed̃ and defended̃ for eu*er* the for-said̃ tenementis w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, by the forsaid̃ seruyce, to the forsaid̃ house of Godestowe and to the mynchons there *ser*uyng̃ god ayenst all̃ men and women. And that all̃ thise thyngis shold̃ be sure, & *cetera* [1]. 4 8

1235, June 24.

[579.] A Chart*er* of henry fitz lewy of Oxenford̃ relesyng̃ to the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe all̃ the right and clayme that he had̃ in ij. tenementis that Rob*er*t Palmer*e* yaf to the forsaide mynchons.

* leaf 99, back. Sale to Godstow, by Henry son of Lewis, of all title in the grants in no. 578.

THE sentence of this relesyng̃ is that henry fitz Lewy of Oxenford̃ * relesed̃ and quyteclaymed̃, for hym and his heires for eu*er*, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent of the same place, all̃ his right and clayme that he had̃ or myght haue in the tenementis w*ith* the p*er*tynentis that Rob*er*t Palmer yaf to the house of Godestowe into pure and p*er*petuel almesse for eu*er* to be had̃: that is to sey, that tenement that walter mydnyght somtyme held̃ in the parissh of seynt Gyle; and viij. buttis of arable lond̃ in the feld̃ w*ith*out the north̃ gate of Oxenford̃, the which̃ ben̄ in the north̃ p*ar*te of the kyngis halle, bitwene the lond̃ of Raaf Sturdy and the lond̃ of Raaf Pynchehaste; and the tenement that Iohn Bolter somtyme held̃, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, that conteyneth̃ in length̃ xl. elnys and iiij. in brede; and that tenement, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, in Bewmounte that Roger Waterman somtyme held̃, that lieth̃ bitwene the lond̃ of Thomas vndir wal of the one p*ar*te and the tenement of moolde weuer of the other p*ar*te: to be had̃ and to be hold̃, to the forsaid̃ abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent of the same place, frely and quyetly, pesibly fully and holy for eu*er*, so (that is to sey) that henry nother his heires shold̃ neu*er* haue power to axe right or clayme in the forsaid̃ londis and tenementis. And for this relesyng̃ and quyte-clayme the forsaid̃ 12 16 20 24 28

[1] Witnesses: Silvester, master and chaplain of Godstow; Reginald, steward of Godstow; Peter Torald, maior of Oxford; Simon Balehorn; Herebert, vicar of St. Giles.

abbesse and couent of the same place yaf to hym v. mark, of siluer into warisoñ. This quyte-clayme was I-made at Oxenford, at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist, The yere of the Incarna-
4 cioñ of our lord M‡ CC xxxv., afore William Euerwyke, and William of the Ile, and the abbot of Abendoñ, and Robert of Aumary, Iusticis of the kyngis there Iurneyng. And that this aforsaid, & cetera.

Purchase-money, £3 6*s.* 8*d.*

[580.] * A Charter of Richard Midnyght confermyng the same graunte.

* leaf 99. 1238.

8 THE sentence of this charter is, that Richard Midnyght graunted and ratified that graunte, letyng, and delyuerynge, that Robert Palmere made to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god. Furthermore, he quyteclaymed
12 for hym and for his heires for ever, with all the right and clayme longyng to hym, or to his heires, bothe of the mese þat is bitwene the lond of Raaf wittenham and the lond of Richard Bolter, and also of the buttis of arable lond in the feld without
16 the north yate of Oxenford in the north parte of the kyngis halle bitwene the lond of Geffrey Sturdy and the lond of Raaf pinchehaste: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, frely quyetly and holy, with all his pertynentis, yeldyng yerely
20 for all the hole mese with the pertynentis and for the buttis afore-named ij. *shillings* to the chief lorde, and to hym and his heires j. d. for all seruyce. And Richard and his heires warantized the forsaid mese, with the pertynentis, and buttis afore-
24 named, as Robert Palmer graunted, lete, and delyuered to them, ayenst all men and women. And that all thise afore-diuided thyngis, & *cetera*[1].

Confirmation to Godstow, by Richard Midnight, as feudal superior, of part of no. 578.

Quit-rents, to the chief lord, 2*s.*, to the mesne lord, 1*d.*

[4. Land of Peter of Dineham.]

[581.] * A Charter of Richard lambeheued I-made to Petir Dineham of all his lond with the pertynentis in Bewmounte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 97, back. About 1230.

THE sentence of this evidence is, that Richard lambeheued,
28 with the consent and assent of Anneys his wyf, yaf, graunted, lette,

Grant to Peter of Dineham,

[1] Witnesses: Jeffrey Stockwell, maior of Oxford; Simon Balehorn; Peter Torald; Philip miller.

by Richard Lambheued, of land.

and delyuered, and with this present charter confermed, to Petir of Dineham all his lond with his pertynentis in bewmounte, that is to sey, that lond that lieth bitwene the lond that was of Raaf Tanners of the one parte and the lond that was of Iulian the wyf that was of Iohn Futrare of the oþer parte: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires or to whom-so-euer he wold assigne hit, frely and quyetly, pesibly and worshipfully, yeldyng therof to hym and to his * heires yerely j. d. at Estir for all seruyce perteynyng to hym and to his heires, and to the lord of the fee iiij. *shillings*, that is to sey, at iiij. termes of the yere, at Mighelmasse xij. d, at Cristmasse xij. d, at Estir xij. d, at Midsomer xij. d. And the forsaid Richard and Anneys his wyf and his heires warantized the aforenamed lond, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Petir of dineham, and to his heires or his assignes, ayenst all men and women. And that þis his yifte shold be sure and stable, without ony gile and deceyte, by ther trouþe for euer, they put there seales to this charter & *cetera* [1].

* leaf 98. Quit-rent to the mesne lord 1*d.*, to the chief lord, 4*s.*

* leaf 100, back. About 1242.

[582.] * A Charter of Maister Petir Denham I-made to the Abbesse of Godestowe of all his londe in Bewmounte, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Peter Denham, of no. 581,

THE sentence of this charter is, that maister Petir Denham yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, into fre pure and perpetuell almesse, all his lond, with his pertynentis, in bewmounte, the which he bought of Richard lambehede, that is to sey, þat lond the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Raaf Tanner of the one parte and the lond of Iulian that was the wyf of Iohn Futrar of the other parte: To be hold and to be had, frely and quyetly, into fre and perpetuel almesse, Savyng the service of the chief lordis, that is to sey, to Richard lambeheued and to his heires j. d. euery yere at Ester, for all seruyce; and to the chief lordis of the fee iiij. *shillings*, that is to sey, at iiij. termes of the yere, at Mighelmasse xij. d, at Cristmasse xij. d, at Estir xij. d, at Midsomer xij. d. for all seruyce custome and demaund. And [that] this his yifte shold abide sure and

at the old quit-rents.

[1] Among the witnesses are: Simon Balehorn, William saucer, Osmund miller.

stedfast for eu*er* w*ith*out all gyle and deceite, he put to this charter his seale, & *cetera* [1].

[5. Miscellaneous purchases, and exchanges, chiefly about 1270.]

[583.] * A quyte-clayme of Rob*er*t But of all his lond in Bewmounte.

* leaf 95, back. About 1250.

Sale to Godstow, by Robert But, of his interest in Godstow land outside Smith Gate, in consideration of 6 quarters of wheat yearly, for his life-term.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Rob*er*t But yaf, graunted, and quyte-claymed, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the covent of the same place, all his lond, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, in Bewmounte in the subarbis of Oxenford w*ith*out the gate of Smythyate in the parissh of seynt Gyle, for vj. quart*er*s of whete that they shold yeve to hym by yere al so longe as he lived: that is to sey, all that lond that he had of the yifte of the forsaid abbesse and couent, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme william lysewys and the lond that was of Mold Sextricis: to be hold and to be had, quyetly and in pease, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis for eu*er*, So that nother he, nor his heires, ne none by them, no thyng of right ne clayme shold axe in the forsaid lond w*ith* the p*er*tynentis. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera* [2].

[584.] * A Chart*er* of William Gerard of halewelle for xij. d. of yerely rent.

* leaf 96. About 1260.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by William Gerard, of a rent-charge.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that William Gerard of halywelle yaf & *cetera* and quyteclaymed, for hym and his heires, to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, for the helthe of his soule and of his auncet*ours*, into pure and p*er*petuel almesse, xij. d of rent of siluer yerely to be resceived at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Michell vj. d. and at the fest of our lady day in marche vj. d., of all that lond with the p*er*tynentis that was somtyme of Edrede Wat*er*man, the

[1] Among the witnesses are: Peter Turaud (i.e. Torald), maior of Oxford; Henry [son of] Simeon; John, writer, of Holywell; Lambert, cordwainer. (There is also an earlier Lambert, cordwainer, of date about 1200.)

[2] Among the witnesses are: Peter, son of Torald (died 1257); Henry, son of Milo; John, 'scriptor' of Holywell.

which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Roger fitz Milo of the one parte and the lond of henry Bolter of the other partie in the parissh of seynt Gyle without the yate of Smythgate in the strete of Bewmounte, with all the right that he had or myght have in all the said lond: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to the said abbesse and couent, frely and quyetly, holy, wele, and in pease, for euer. And the forsaid william and his heires warantized and defended the forsaid xij. d of rent, with all other rightis that he had or myght have in the forsaid lond, to the said abbesse and couent, ayenst all men and women. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera* [1].

[Smith Gate.]

* leaf 95. About 1270.

[585.] *A quyte-clayme of Iohn Sewy of Oxenford of all the right that he had & *cetera* in all that lond that William Toky yaf somtyme to Iohn his fadire in the parissh of seynt Gyle.

Sale to Godstow, by John Sewy, of land (formerly William Toky's).

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iohn Sewy of Oxenford graunted, remytted, delyuered, and quyte claymed, for hym and for his heires for euer, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons ther servyng god and for euer to serue, all his right and clayme that he had or myght have in all that lond, with all his pertynentis, the whiche william toky somtyme yaf and graunted to Iohn his fadir in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to them and to there successours for euer, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease fro all seruyce to hym and to his heires longyng. And for this graunte the said abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe yaf to hym xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis into waryson. And that his graunte, & *cetera*, he put to hit his seale, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £2.

* leaf 95, back. About 1270.

[586.] *A Charter of fryere Walter, maister of the hospitall of seynt Bartholomewe, of x. d of yerely rent of the lond in Beaumounte.

Sale to Godstow, by St. Bartholo-

THE sentence of this Charter is, that fryer Walter, maister of the hospitall of seynt Bartholomewis with-out the Est gate of Oxenford, and the bretheren of the same place, yaf, graunted,

[1] Among witnesses: Henry, son of Milo; John Bolloc; Henry, janitor of Godstow.

and quyte-claymed' for ever, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the couent of the same place, x. d'. of yerely rent to be take at ij. *ter*mes of the yere; that is to sey, of j. half acre of lond' that Walter Noreys held' of them in the feld' of Bewmounte, ix. d' at Estir, And of the house which Roger*e* of Ammory held' of them, j. d'. at the fest of seynt Bartholomew, in the p*ar*issh of seynt Gyle w*ith*yn the subarbis of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to the said' abbesse and Couent and to ther successours for them and ther successours for eu*er*, frely and quyetly, holy wele and in pease, w*ith* all the right and clayme that they had' or myght have in the said' half acre of lond' and in the said' house, w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis. And for this yifte and graunte & *cetera* the said' abbesse and couent yaf to them j. mark of sterlyngis in warison. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

mew's Hospital, of two rent-charges.

Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.*

[587.] A quyte-clayme of Thomas Hastel Fit3 Henry Hastell for all his londe with the partynentis, & *cetera*.

About 1270.

The sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Thomas fit3 henry hastel graunted', lette, and quyte-claymed', for hym and his heires for ever, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the couent of the same place, all þ*at* lond', w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond' that was of Roger Wrothe of the one p*ar*tie and the lond' of Richard' Toky of the other p*ar*ty in the parissh of seynt Gyle w*ith*-out the north gate in the subarbis of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', for hym and his heires for eu*er*, w*ith* all the right and clayme that he had' or myght haue in the said' lond', w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, frely and quyetly, holy, wele, and in * pease for all service custome and demaunde to hym and to his heires longyng. And for this graunte, lettyng & *cetera*, The forsaid' abbesse and Couent yaf to hym xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warison. Into witnesse of the which thyng, & *cetera*.

Sale to Godstow, by Thomas son of Henry son of Hastel, of land.

* leaf 96.

Purchase-money, £1.

[588.] A Chart*er* of Henry fit3 Mylo of a mese in the parissh of seynt Gyle.

About 1270.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that henry fit3 Mylo yaf, & *cetera*, to god' & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe

Sale to Godstow, by Henry

son of Milo, of land.

[Dowry.]

ther seruyng god and to serue for euer, that mese that moold that was somtyme the wyf of William of Euestan held somtyme in the name of her dowry in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford, that (þat is to sey) that is I-sette bitwene the lond that was of Roger fitz Ive and the lond of Richard Wolgaricote: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. rose at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist for all seruycis customes and seculer demaundis. And þe forsaid henry and his heires warantized aquyted and defended for ever the said mese, with his pertynentis, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, ayenst all peple. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said mynchons yaf to hym v. *shillings* of siluer in warison. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, a rose.

Purchase-money, 5*s*.

About 1270.

[589.] * A Charter of William Brampton of iiij. d of yerely rent of the tenement of William Toky in the parissh of Seynt Gyles of Oxenforde.

Exchange between Godstow and William Brampton,

* leaf 96, back.

of a quit-rent owned by Brampton

to be held by a pepper-corn,

THE sentence of this charter is, that William of Brampton yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god, iiij. d. of yerely rent, yerely to be take, at ij. termes of the yere, of all that mese that was of William Toky, with his pertynentis, that lieth bitwene * the lond that was somtyme of Hugh Sinot of the one parte and the lond þat was of Adam Fres of the other parte in the parissh of Seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford, that is to sey, at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist ij. d. of siluer, and at Mighelmasse ij. d. of siluer: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires and his assignes, to the said Mynchons of Godestowe and to their successours, frely and quyetly, wel and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires one corne of grayne of pepir in the fest of our lordis birthe for all seculer servicis customes and demaundes longyng to hym and to his heires. And the said william and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended for euer the forsaid iiij. d. of yerely rent, as hit is dyuyded afore, to the said mynchons and to their successours for euer. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid

mynchons yaf to hym into eschaunge one place of lond' behynd' there court the which conteynyth in lengthe ix. elnys and one quarteron and in brede xiiij. elnys with-out[1] ynche, as hit
4 is I-conteyned' in the charter of the said' mynchons I-made therof to them. And that this his yifte, graunte, & *cetera*[2].

for a strip of Godstow land.

[590.] A quyte-clayme of Alice Bolloc of a mese in the parissh of Seynt Gyle in Oxenforde.

About 1270.

THE sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Alice Bolloc, in her owne lawfull wedowhode and power, graunted' lete and quyte-
8 claymed', for hym[3] and for his[3] heires for euer, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Covent of the same place, all his[3] right and clayme that [s]he had'or myght haue into all that mese, with all his pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond' that was of
12 henry Stoche of the j. parte and the londe that was of henry Bonetoñ of the other, in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', for[4] hym[3] and for[4] his[3] heires for euer, frely and quyetly, wele, holy, and in pease
16 fro all seruyce perteynyng to hym[3] and to his[3] heires. And for this * dimissioñ or letyng, graunte, and quyte-clayme, the said' abbesse and couent yaf ij. *shillings* of sterlyngis. In-to witnesse of the which thyng, & *cetera*.

Sale to Godstow, by Alice Bolloc, widow, of her interest in a messuage.

* leaf 97. Purchase-money, 2*s*.

[6. Thomas of Stanford's (or Stamford's) foundation.]

[NOTE.—The witnesses to Thomas of Stanford's purchases (William Cromp, John of Curtlington, Ernold le Goer, Nicholas Kingston, Adam of Middleton, William Toky) fix the transactions as about 1270–75. Magister Thomas de Stamford resigned the vicarage of St. Giles's, Oxford, in 1274 : Wood's *City of Oxford*, iii. 85.]

[591.] * A Charter of Moolde Arneby I-made to maister Thomas Sanford' of all her lond' in the parissh of seynt Gyle, & *cetera*.

* leaf 100, back. About 1270.

20 THE sentence of this charter is, that moolde Arneby of the parissh of Seynt Gyle yaf & *cetera* to maister Thomas Sanforde all her lond' liyng bitwene the lond' of the vicarye of seynt Gyle

Sale to Thomas Stanford, by Maud

[1] i. e. less a thumb-width : 'sine pollice' in the Latin. Twelve 'thumbs' make a foot.

[2] Among the witnesses is Robert Maynard, vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, Oxford, instituted 1268.

[3] 'hym,' 'his,' for 'her,' the translator forgetting that the grantor was a female.

[4] Read 'of' for 'for.'

Arneby, of land.

of the one parte and the lond that was somtyme of Robert Broughton and Gilbert Chapeler of the other parte in the forsaid parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the said maister Thomas and to his heires, or to whom-so-euer he wold yeve bequeth selle aliene or assigne hit, in what-so-euer state he were, in helth or in sikenesse, of hym [1] and of his [1] heires or his [1] assignes, frely, quyetly, also by right heritage for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to hym [1] and to his [1] heires or to his [1] assignes one rede appull at myghelmasse for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Moold and her heires or her assignes warantized acquyted and defended all the forsaid lond to the forsaid maister Thomas and to her [2] heires, or to whom-so-euer he wold yeve bequethe selle aliene or assigne hit, ayenst all peple, men and women, bothe Iewes and cristen, by the forsaid seruyce, for euer. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid maister Thomas yaf to her ij. marke in warison. And that all thise afore thyngis, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, a red apple at Michaelmas.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £1 6*s*. 8*d*.

* leaf 101. About 1270.

[592.] A Charter of Iohn Crompe of Oxenford, the sone of Richard * Pekewether, to maister Thomas Stanford for iiij. d. of rente.

Sale to Thomas Stanford, by John Crompe, of a rent-charge, perhaps over no. 591.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Crompe of Oxenford, the sone of Richard Pekewethir, yaf & *cetera*, to maister Thomas Stanford iiij. d. of yerely rent, yerely to be take of a mese, with the pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond longyng to the vicariage of the chirch of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford and the lond of William Toky, at myghelmasse, in the parissh of the same chirch of seynt Gyle: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires or his assignes, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes that he wold and to her [3] heires, frely quyetly holy and in pease for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one clowe-gelofre at mydsomer for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Iohn and his heires or his assignes warantized acquyted and defended the said iiij. d. of yerely rent to the forsaid maister Thomas and to his heires or to his assignes to whom he wold and to ther heires ayenst all peple, men and women,

Quit-rent, a clove at Midsummer.

[Warranty

[1] Read 'her.' [2] Read 'his.' [3] i.e. their.

bothe Iewes Iewesses and cristen men, by the forsaid' *ser*uyce, for eu*er*. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid' maist*er* Thomas yaf to hym v. *shillings* of siluer in warisoñ afore-handis. And
4 þat, & *cetera*.

against Jews.]

Purchase-money, 5*s*.

[593.] A Charter of Powle Fitz Ade Blunte to maister Thomas Sanford' for v. d'. of yerely Rente, & *cetera*.

About 1270.

THE sentence of this Chart*er* is, that Powle fitz Adam Blunte yaf & *cetera* to maist*er* Thomas Sanford' v. d'. of yerely rent the whicħ he was I-wonyd' to resceive of the lond' that is bitwene
8 the lond' of the vicary of seynt Gyle of the one p*ar*te and the lond' of William Toky of the other p*ar*te in the parissħ of seynt Gyle w*ith*out the northħ gate of Oxenford' in the subarbis of Oxenford' towne: To be had' and to be hold', w*ith* alł right and
12 clayme, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, that he had' therof, or myght have afterward', to the said' maist*er* Thomas and to his heires or to his assignes what-so-ever they shold' be or whom-so-ever he wold' yeve bequethe selle aliene or assigne hit bothe in sikenesse
16 and in helthħ, of hym and of his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly and by right heritage for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires, or to his assignes, one clowe-gelofre at Ester for alł seruyce exaccioñ and demaunde. And the forsaid'
20 Powle and his heires or his assignes warantized' acquyted' and defended' the forsaid' rent, w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid' maist*er* Thomas and to his heires, or to whom-so-ever he wolde yeve bequethħ selle aliene or assigne hit, ayenst alł peple, men
24 and women, bothe Iewes and cristen men, by the forsaid' *ser*uyce, for eu*er*. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid' maist*er* Thomas yaf to hym iij. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warisoñ. And that alł these aforsaid' thyngis & *cetera*.

Sale to Thomas Stanford, by Paul Blunte, of a rent-charge over same property as in no. 592.

Quit-rent, a clove at Easter.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, 3*s*.

[594.] A Charter of Iohn Crompe of Oxenford' to maist*er* Thomas Samford'[1] of xij. d' of yerely rent.

About 1270.

28 THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Iohn Crompe of Oxenford', fitz Richard' Pekwether', yaf & *cetera* to maist*er* Thomas Samford'[1] xij. d'. of yerly * rent to be take yerely at Mighelmasse, that is to sey, of the house, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, that was

Sale to Thomas Stanford, * leaf 101, back.

[1] Spelt 'Sanford' in no. 595.

by John Crompe, of rent-charges, 6*d.* and 6*d.*, over houses.

[Property of Oxford University.]

somtyme of henry Crompe, the which now holdith the abbot of Oseneye, and lieth bitwene the lond of Adam Middelton and the lond of Robert Staunton in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford, vj. d.; and of the house, with the per- 4 tynentis, that Robert of Staunton held of the vnyuersite of Oxenford, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of William Bre and the lond of the abbot of Oseneye in the parissh aforsaid, vj. d.: To be had and to be hold, to the seid 8 maister Thomas and to his heires, or to alle his assignes which that he wold assigne and to ther heires, of hym and his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly wele holy and in pease for ever,

Quit-rent, a clove at Midsummer.

yeldyng therof yerely one clowe-gelofre at mydsomer for all 12 seruyce seculer, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Iohn and his heires or his assignes warantized acquyted and defended the said xij. d of yerely rent to the forsaid maister Thomas and to his heires, or to his assignes to whom-so-euer he wold assigne 16

[Warranty against Jews.]

hit and to ther heires, ayenst all men and women, bothe Iewes Iuwesses and cristen men, by the forsaid seruyce, for ever. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid maister Thomas yaf to hym

Purchase-money, 10*s.*

x. *shillings* of sterlyngis by-fore handis in warison. And that 20 all these aforseid thynges, & *cetera*.

1275.

[595.] A Charter of maister Thomas of Sanford of the house ayenst seynt Gylys chirch of Oxenford to the mynchons of Godestowe.

Grant to Godstow, by Thomas Stanford, for endowment of a chantry in Godstow for the Stanford family,

THE sentence of this charter is that Thomas Sanford yaf & *cetera*, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the covent of the same place, into pure and perpetuel almesse, 24

to the susteynyng of the masse of oure lady seynt marye at the auter of the blissed virgyne in the monastery of Godestowe every day to be sunge, for the sowle of maister hugh Sanford, and for the sowles of fadir modir and brother of the 28 same, and for the sowlis of Moolde his modir, Mabile of Ely, of maister Richard Mappeham[1], and all his benefacturis,

of houses in St. Giles's parish,

all his houses with all ther pertynentis that he had in the subarbis of Oxenford in the parissh of seynt Gyle of Oxenford, 32 the which lye bitwene the houses of the vicarre of the chirch of seynt Gyle of the one parte and the lond of William Toky

[1] Richard de Mapham, archdeacon of Oxford, occurs 1272.

of the other *par*te; and iij. acris of mede and an half liyng in the mede that is I-called' Bisshoppeshayte, that is to sey, one acre that he bought of Iohn Crompe, and another acre that he bought of henry Chambir, and the thirde acre that he bought of Iulian the doughter of Anneys of Cudelyngton the sustir of the saide henry, And the half acre of mede the which was somtyme of henry at the hithe, As hit is conteyned' w*ith*yn the chart*er* I-made *þer*of; and j. half acre of arable lond', the which lieth behynde the mese of Arnold' Goe*re*, and a grounde liyng bitwene the lond' of Iohn * Rodeplonte of the north *par*te and the lond' of Roger Ivys of the other *par*te, and another ground' liyng bitwene the mese of William Toky of the one *par*te and the mese of Alice Frees of the other; and xij. d' of yerely rent, that is to sey, vj. d'. of j. half acre in Brixstamsedys to be take, And other vj. d'. to be take of j. half acre that he bought of Iohn Cromp̄, the which was I-called' 'South and north,' as hit is I-conteyned' in the chart*er* I-made vpon that: To be had' and to be hold', to the seid' abbesse and Covent for ever, into pure and *per*petuel almesse, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, Savyng the rent of the chief lordis of the fee. And that this yifte, graunte, & *cetera*, shold' be sure, & *cetera*, he put to his seale & *cetera*.

and of 3½ acres in Bishop's eyt meadow,

and of 3 pieces of arable,

* leaf 102.

and of rent-charges.

[South-and-North.]

[596.] A Charter of Anneys relicte of Richard' of Bracle quyte-claymyng his[1] right in all his[1] tenement w*ith* the p*er*tynentis.

About 1280.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Anneys somtyme the wyf of Richard' Brackele, in her wedowhode and lawfull power, graunted' and vttirly quyteclaymed', for hym[1] and his[1] heires, to Mable Wafre, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couent of the same place and to ther successours, all the right and clayme that she had' or myght have had' in all that tenemen*t*, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, that the said' Richard' Brackele somtyme her husbond' sold' to maist*er* Thomas Sanford', of the which tenementis, w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, she impleted' the said' abbesse of Godestowe afore the Iusticis of the benche by the kyngis breef 'of the entryng' (or de ingressu) I-called', the which tenement, w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, is I-sette even ayenst to the chirche of seynt Gyle of the Est

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Agnes widow of Richard of Brackley,

of all title in her husband's property sold to Thomas of Stanford.

[1] Read 'her.'

parte in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid abbesse and Couent and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer, So that nother the said Anneys ne none of her heires, ne none by her or for her and her 4 heires, shold never have power to axe ony right or clayme afterwarde. And for this letyng & *cetera* the forsaid abbesse and couent yaf to her ij. markes of sterlyngis before handis in warysoñ. Into witnesse, & *cetera*[1]. 8

Purchase-money, £1 6s. 8d.

* leaf 102, back. 1276.

[597.] *A Charter of Isowde abbesse of Godestowe and of the Couent of þe same place to maister Thomas Staunford for a fee-ferme of a mese with the housis aboue hit in the parissh of Seynt Gyle.

Life-rent by Godstow, to Thomas Stanford, of houses in St. Giles, as in no. 595.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Isowde Derham, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couent of the same place, yaf and graunted to fee-ferme to maister Thomas Staunford, personoñ[2] of the chirch of Bolegraue, alle ther mese with the houses I-sette aboue hit, 12 the which mese lieth bitwene the mese of the chirche of seynt Gyle of Oxenford of the one parte and the mese of William Toky of the other parte in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the seid 16 maister Thomas and to his assignes all the daies of their lyf, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to them[3] and to ther successours j. d. at Estir for all seculer seruyce and exaccioñ, So nathelesse that aftir the dethe 20 of the said maister Thomas the mese with the forsaid housis sholde turne ayene to ther house without ony agayñ-seiyng. And for this yifte the said maister Thomas yaf to the abbesse and Couent afore-said xl. li. of siluer afore-handis. And into 24 witnesse of this & *cetera*, the bothe parties sette her seles.

Quit-rent, 1d. at Easter.

Purchase-money, £40.

1276, June 29.

[598.] A Covenaunt I-made bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and maister Thomas Staunford for a mese with the pertynentis.

Recitation of, and formal

THIS was the covenaunte I-made, in the fest of the appostels Petir and Paule, the yere of our lord a thousand thre[4] hundred

[1] The witnesses are William le spicer, *maior*, Philip de Eu and Ely le quilter, *balliui*, of Oxford. These may have taken office at Michaelmas 1279, when the list (Wood's *City of Oxford*, iii. 11) is imperfect.

[2] 'rector' in the Latin.

[3] *Sic*: redundantly.

[4] In error for 'two.'

and xvj., bitwene the religious ladyes, I*sold* by the grace of god abbesse of Godestow, and the couent of the same place of the one p*ar*te, and maist*er* Thomas Staunford of the other p*ar*te, 4 that is to sey, that the said religious ladies, for them and ther successours, graunted to the said maist*er* Thomas, as longe as he lived, a mese, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, that lieth in the subarbis of Oxenford in the parissh of seynt Gyle, bitwene 8 the house of the vicarie of the same of the one p*ar*te and the lond that was somtyme of William Toky of the other p*ar*te: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Thomas al so longe as he lived, frely quyetly wele and in pease, w*ith* all the hole, 12 yeldyng to the said religious ladies and to ther successours yerly j. d. at Mighelmasse for all exaccion and demaund; And whan the said maist*er* Thomas decessith the said house, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, shold turne * ayene to the said Religious ladyes 16 w*ith*out any agayn-saiyng; And for-asmoch as there was made an Instrumente of warantizyng vpon the saide house of the p*ar*te of the said Religious ladies, Be hit I-know to all peple that the said Instrument vpon warantizyng fro that tyme[1] 20 forth had none effecte. The date at Godestowe in the fest of the appostles Petir and Paule, The yere of our lord M CCC[2] lxxvj., these p*re*sent writyng I-made to maner of a chart*er* and the seales of the p*ar*ties I-put to o*þer*, & c*etera*.

cancelling of, no. 597.

* leaf 103.

[7. Land bought from Peter of Middleton.]

[599.] * A Charter of Iohn Croomp I-made to Adam of Middelton for xxix. d. of yerely rente, & c*etera*.

* leaf 97. About 1260.

24 The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Iohn Croompe, Cordewaner, yaf & c*etera* to Adam of Middelton, tanner, xxix. d. of yerely rente, yerely to be take at iiij. pryncipall t*er*mes of the yere, of all that lond, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, the which lieth 28 bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Richard Barlich of j. p*ar*te and the lond of the abbesse of * Godestowe of the other p*ar*te, in the parissh of Seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires or his

Sale to Adam of Middleton, by John Crompe, of a rent-charge.

* leaf 97, back.

[1] 'extunc in perpetuum nullum optinere effectum.'

[2] In error for 'CC.'

assignes to the said' Adam his heires or his assignes for eu*er*, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, w*ith* all the right and clayme that he had', or myght haue, into all the forsaid' lond' w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, yeldyng therof yerely to hym [and] to his heires or to his assignes one clow-gelofre at Estir for all seruyce custome and demaunde. And the forsaid' Iohn and his heires or his assignes warantiȝed' and defended' for eu*er* the forsaid' xxix. d'. of the said' lond', w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis, to the said' Adam, his heires, or his assignes, ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid' Adam yaf to hym xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warisoñ. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[1].

Quit-rent, a clove at Easter.

Purchase-money, £1.

About 1260.

[600.] A Char*ter* of William Crampe fitz Iohn Crampe I-made to the same Adam of Middeltoñ and to Ysowde his wyf of j. acre and j. half of arable lond' in Bewmounte, & *cetera*.

Sale to Adam of Middleton, by William Crampe, of 1½ acres.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that William Crampe fitz Iohn Crampe yaf, & *cetera*, to Adam of Middeltoñ and to Isowde his wyf, j. acre and an half of arable lond' in the feld' of Bewmounte, the which lyeth bitwene the lond' that was somtyme of Symond' fitz Milo of the north p*ar*te and the lond' of Iohn Curtlyntoñ of the southe p*ar*te, in the p*ar*issh of seynt Gyle w*ith*out the north yate in the subarbis of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said' Adam and Isowde his wyf and to ther heires or ther assignes or to whom-so-eu*er* they wille yeve bequethe selle or assigne hit in helth or in sikenesse, frely and quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one clowe-gelofre at Estir for all seruyce, custome, sute of courte, and demaunde, savyng the servicis to the chief lordis dew and I-wonyd'. And the said' William and his heires or his assignes warantiȝed' aquyted' and defended' for eu*er* the said' acre of lond' and j. half, as hit is afore-diuided', to the said' Adam and Isowde, and to ther assignes, ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewis. And for this yifte & *cetera*, they yaf to hym ij. mark*es* of sterlyngis in warisoñ. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, a clove at Easter.

[Warranty against Jews.] Purchase-money, £1 6*s*. 8*d*.

[1] William Crompe is one of the witnesses.

[601.] * A Charter of Thomas Scotte and Lucie his wyf, I-made to Isowde the Relicte of Adam of Middeltoñ, quyte-claymyng all his right and clayme in a mese with his pertynentis. * leaf 106, back. About 1280.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Thomas Scotte and Lucie his wyf lete, graunted, and vttirly quyte-claymed, for them * and ther heires, to Isowde somtyme the wyf of Adam Middeltoñ and to her heires or to her assignes, all the right and clayme that they had or myght haue in that mese, with his pertynentis, that is I-sette bitwene the lond of Nicholas Wortoñ of the one partie and the lond that was somtyme of the said Adam Middeltoñ of the other partie in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford, So that the said Thomas and lucie his wyf ne none of his heires ne none by them or for them myght aske afterward ony thynge of right or clayme in the said mese with his pertynentis. And for this lete, graunte, and quyte-clayme the said Isowde yaf to them xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis before handis in warisoñ and[1] j. curteil to the said luce of Irissh clothe. Into witnesse, & *cetera*[2].

Quit-claim

* leaf 107. to Isold, widow of Adam of Middleton, by Thomas and Lucy Scott, of all title in a messuage.

Purchase-money, £2, and a kirtle.

[602.] * A Charter of Petir of myddeltoñ of all his tenement in the parissh of seynt Gyle of Oxenford, also with iij. acris and j. half acre of arable lond in bewmounte, to the mynchons, & *cetera*. * leaf 100. 129$\frac{2}{1}$.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir of Middeltoñ, burgeys of Oxenford, sone and heire of Adam of Middeltoñ, yaf & *cetera*, to god and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god and to serue for euer, alle his mese in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenforde, the which mese is I-sette bitwene the mese of Nicholas fitz Milo in the same parissh of the southe parte and the mese of Robert Sparow of the northe parte; also with iij. acris and j. half acre of arable lond liyng in bewmounte, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse of Godestowe of the northe parte and the lond of Robert Bartoñ of the south parte, the which butten them-self fro the

Sale to Godstow, by Peter of Middleton, of a messuage,

and 3½ acres,

[1] The Latin is: 'et unam tunicam dicte Lucie de panno ybernico.'

[2] Among the witnesses are: Edmund de Wodestoke, bailiff of Godstow; William Motte; Nicholas Rodeplont.

kyngis-wey vnto the curtilagis toward the west *parte*: To be had and to be hold, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, of hym or his heires or his assignes aforseid, to the forsaid abbesse and couent of Godestowe and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease and holy for eu*er*, yeldyng therof to the chief lordes of that fee seruyce dew * and I-Wonyd, And to the makyng of the chirch of seynt Gyle of Oxenford yerely xij. d. And the said Petir and his heires or his assignes shold warantize acquyte and defende for ever the forsaid mese and all the forsaid arable lond, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, to the forsaid abbesse of Godestowe and Couent and to ther successours. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid abbesse and couent yaf to hym Lv. *shillings*. of sterlyngis before handis. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[1].

* leaf 100, back. subject to 12*d*. quit-rent to St. Giles's church.

Purchase-money, £2 15*s*.

* leaf 109. 129 i, March 20.

[603.] *A chart*er of Petir of Middelton, burgeyse of Oxenford, I-made to Nicholas of Bluntesdon, for a mese w*ith* a shop w*ith* the p*er*tynentis.

Sale to Nicholas Walrand (as trustee in mort-main for Godstow), by Peter of Middleton, of properties as in no. 602,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Petir of Middelton, burgeyse of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera* to Nicholas of Bluntesdon all that tenement, that is to sey, j. mese and j. shop, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, the which ben sette bitwene the mese of Nicholas fitz Milo of the sowthe p*ar*te and the mese of Rob*er*t of Middelton of the north p*ar*te, in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford; and iij. acris and j. half of arable lond, of the which, iij. acris lyen bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe of the one p*ar*te and the lond of Rob*er*t Berton of the other p*ar*te, and half j. acre lieth bitwene the lond of the said abbesse of bothe sides and strecchith them-self fro the seid tenement vnto the kyngis-wey fro bewmounte of the forsaid parissh: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Nicholas and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and his heires or his assignes to which-so-ever he wold yeve or selle or assigne them, bothe to religious and seculers, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, frely quyetly pesibly and holy by right heritage for eu*er*, yeldyng therof * yerely to the chief lordis of the fee dew and wonyd

* leaf 109, back.

[1] Among the witnesses are: Richard of Williamscote, sheriff of Oxfordshire and keeper of Northgate Hundred; John of Ewe, *maior*, and William of Wodeston and Robert of Wormehall, *ballivi* of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas 1290.

service, that is to sey xvj. *shillings* vj. d., for all service seculer, sutis of courte, and all exaccions and demaundes. And the said Petir and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid mese and shop and the forsaid iij. acris and j. half of arable lond, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Nicholas and to his heires or his assignes, by the forsaid *ser*uyce, ayenst all men and women for eu*er*, to who-so-eu*er* handis his tenementis come afterward. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid Nicholas yaf to hym lx. mark, of sterlyngis be-fore handis. And that & *cetera* thise afore-said thyngis shold be sure, & *cetera*[1].

subject to 16*s.* 6*d.* quit-rents.

Purchase-money, £40.

[604.] * A quyte-clayme of Iohane, somtyme the wyf of Petir of Middelton, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, for all the right that she had in the name of her dowery, & *cetera*.

* leaf 98. 1297, June 12.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iohane, somtyme the wyf of Petir of Middelton, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, lete, graunted, and vttirly quyte-claymed, to the abbesse and couent of Godestowe, all her right that she had, or myght have, in the name of her dowery, in all londes and tenementis the which Petir of Middelton somtyme her husbond sold to the forsaid abbesse and Couent and there successours in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford, So that nother the said Iohane ne none in her name shold neu*er* haue power to axe or chalenge afterward in the forsaide lond and tenementis ony right or clayme, in the name of her dowry or mariage, after the makyng of this quyte-clayme. And for this dimission or lettyng and quyte-clayme the forsaid abbesse and couent yaf to her xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis. In-to witnesse of the which & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the morow of seynt Barnabe the appostle, the xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry.

Sale to Godstow, by Joan, widow of Peter of Middleton, of her jointure rights in no. 602.

Purchase-money, £2.

[605.] * A-nother licence for to purchase one mese *with* the *per*tynentis in Oxon.

* leaf 193. 130⅔, March 8.

THE sentence of this licence is, that Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, though he ordeyned by the

Licence in mortmain by Edward I

[1] Witnesses as in preceding deed.

empowering Nicholas Walrand to give and Godstow to receive

comon counseil of his Reame that hit shold̃ not be lawfull̃ to Religious peple to entre the fee of ony[1] or of other, so that hit shold̃ come into morte-mayne, *with*out his licence and of the chief lord̃ of the which hit was I-hold̃ inmediatly, Nathelesse, by a fyne the which his welbeloued̃ in crist the abbesse of Godestowe made *with* hym in his Chauncellarye, he graunted̃ and yaf licence al so moche as was in hym to Nicholas Walrande of Bluntesdon̄ that he myght yeve and assigne to the forsaid̃ abbesse and mynchons that they myght resceive and hold̃ the forsaid̃ mese of the forsaid̃ Nicholas, as hit is I-seid̃ afore, by the tenoure of this *pre*sent writyng. Also he yaf to them speciall̃ licence, not willynge that the forsaid̃ Nicholas or his heires, or the forsaid̃ abbesse and mynchons or ther successours, by cause of the forsaid̃ statute, shold̃ be occasioned̃ or greved̃ in ony thyngis, Savyng nathelesse seruyce therof dew and I-wonyd̃ to the chief lordes of that fee. Into witnesse of the which thynge, he made to be made these his lettres patentis, hym-self beyng witnesse, at westmynster, the viij. day of Marche, The xxxj. yere of his reigne.

a messuage, &c., as in no. 603.

[NOTE.—A conjecture may be hazarded as to the source from which the money for the preceding purchase came, and the purpose to which the income so secured was to be applied.

At the dissolution, in 1540, we find (*Monast.* iv. 370) Godstow lands charged with £1 5*s.* yearly to provide a pittance on the anniversary of Ela (de Longespée), countess of Warwick, and also with £7 7*s.* to be spent in almsgiving and in the salaries of two chaplains to say mass in Godstow chapel for the same countess. There is nowhere any mention of endowment supplied by her to meet these charges. Since she died in 1297, it is possible that about 1290 she advanced money to provide such endowment, and that 'Middleton Hall' in St. Giles was purchased out of that fund.]

[8. Deeds connected with the meadow called Bishop's-eyt.]

* leaf 107, back. About 1230.

Sale to Hugh, son of Richard, of Walton, for £2, by Henry son

[606.] * A Charter of henry fitz Lewysyj to hugh fitz Richard̃ of Walton̄ for ij. acris of mede and a roode.

THE sentence of this Chart*er* is, that henry fitz Lewysyj[2] yaf & *cetera* to hugh fitz Richard̃ of Walton̄, for his seruice and for xl. *shillings* of siluer the which he yaf to hym afore-handis in warison̄, tho ij. acris of mede and an half roode, the which

[1] Read 'him' for 'ony.'

[2] i. e. Lewisii.

the forsaid' Richard' the fadir of the seid' hugh somtyme held' of the said' Lewys his fadir in the bisshoppesheyte by lotte: To be hold' and to be had', of hym and his heires, to the same hugh and to his heires or to his assignes, frely and quyetly wele and in pease for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordis of that fee xiij. d' ob*olus* q*uadrans* at Midsomer, and he shold' ere to hym and to his wyf eu*er*y yere al so longe as they lived' j. acre of lond' in Bradmore; And anon aftir ther decesse the said' eryng shold' cesse for eu*er*, And fro that tyme the same hugh and his heires or his assignes shold' pay to his heires or to his assignes j. ob*olus* at Mighelmasse for the warantyng. And the seid' henry and his heires or his assignes warantiȝed' and defended' for eu*er* the forsaid' ij. acris and j. half roode of mede, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires or to his assignes, ayenst all peple. And into the witnesse of the which thynge, & *cetera*[1].

of Lewis, of meadow, assigned by lot.

Quit-rent, $13\frac{3}{4}d.$ Obligation to plough 1 acre, to be afterwards commuted for $\frac{1}{2}d.$ yearly.

[607.] *A Charter of Iohn Crompe of Oxenford' to Hugh Palmer for vj. acris of mede with the partynentis.

* leaf 108. 1264.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Iohn Crompe of Oxenford' yaf & *cetera* to hugh Palmer vj. acris of mede, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis; of the which, v. lien in eu*er*tichesheite[2] bitwene the hacacre and haldewere in the shire of Berk*es*, the which falle to hym by lotte, and j. acre of mede in bisshopisheyte, the which falle to hym by lotte: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and of his heires, to the said' hugh and to his heires or his assignes to which-so-eu*er* he wold' yeve selle bequethe or assigne hit in helthe or in sikenesse, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d'. at the fest of the natiuite of seynt Iohn baptist, and to the chief lordis of the fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd', for all seculer exaccion and demaunde. And the said' Iohn and his heires warantiȝed' and defended' for eu*er* the seid' vj. acris of mede, w*ith* all the p*er*tinentis, to the said' hugh, and to his heires or his assignes,

Grant to Hugh Palmer, by John Crompe, of 5 acres in Allriches eyot, and one in Bishop's-eit, all assigned by lot,

quit-rent, 1*d.*,

[1] Witnesses: Alan Dudeling, William Culvard, Arnold Goer, Roger miller, John Crompe. Of these John Crompe occurs elsewhere as a witness with Simon Balehorn, whose date is known: see nos. 333–5

[2] In the Latin 'Eilrichseit.' The meadow so called included the present Pool at Folly Bridge, and the range of houses north of it in Isis Street: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 452. It does not appear that this piece of meadow came to Godstow: though the acre in Bishop's-eit did (see in no. 533).

ayenst alle men and women. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid hugh yaf to hym a mese, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, into an eschaunge, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Iohn Coleshulle and the lond of Iohn Eynysh*am* in the parissh of seynt Martyn of Oxenford, as they ben I-writte and I-diuided afore. And that all these thyngis shold be sure, & *cetera*.

in exchange for a messuage in St. Martin's parish.

* leaf 109, back. About 1275.

[608.] * A charter of Alson Walton the doughtir of hugh moneke I-made to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. acre of mede in the bisshoppisheyte by Lotte.

Grant to Godstow, by Alice, daughter of Hugh of Walton, of 1 acre (as in no. 606),

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Alice Walton, the doughtir of hugh moneke, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the abbesse and to the Covent of the house of Godestowe, an acre of mede in bisshoppesheyte to be take by lotte, that (that is to sey) that henry fitz lewys somtyme held: To be had and to be hold, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis and eysementis and pasture, into fre pure and p*er*petuel almesse, w*ith* fre entryng and goyng out to the same, doyng þ*er*of to the chief lordis of the fee seruyce therof dew and I-wonyd. And the forsaid Alice and her heires or assignes warantized and defended for eu*er* the forsaid acre of mede, as hit is afor-seid, ayenst all peple. And [for] this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid abbesse and covent * yaf to her to the t*er*me of her lyf j. chambre to dwelle in, the whiche Iohn Masun first enhabited in, aftir the fo*ur*me fully I-content in the chart*er* of feffement I-made therof. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*.

* leaf 110. in return for the use of a room.

* leaf 108. About 1260.

[609.] * A Charter of luce the doughtir of William Brumman for half j. acre of mede in the Bisshoppisheyte I-made to Rob*er*t fitz Aylewyn of Walton.

Sale to Robert son of Aylewyn, by Lucy Brumman, of meadow assigned by lot.

The sentence of this chart*er* is that luce the doughtir of William Brumman, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, yaf & *cetera* to Rob*er*t fitz Aylewyn j. half acre of mede, the which lieth in the mede that is I-called the bisshoppishayte by lotte in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym [1] and his [1] heires or his [1] assignes, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym [1] and to his [1] heires or to his [1]

[1] Read 'her.'

assignes j. ob*olus* at Estir for all *ser*uice custome and demaunde, savyng the rent to the chief lordis of that fee. And the forsaid luce and her heires or her assignes warantized * and defended for eu*er* the forsaid half acre of mede to the forsaid Rob*er*t and to his heires or assignes ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte & *cetera* the seid Rob*er*t yaf to hym [1] iiij. s*hillings* of sterlyngis in-to warisoun. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, ½*d*.

* leaf 108, back.

Purchase-money, 4*s*.

[610.] * A Charter of Iohn hulle Coruyser and Luce his Sustir of j. acre of mede to Adam Londoun of Oxenford.

* leaf 99, back. 1273.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that Iohn hulle, Corvyser, and luce his Sustir, yaf & *cetera* to Adam londoun of Oxenford j. acre of mede the which lieth in bisshoppisheyte in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the said Adam and to his heires or his assignes, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to whom-so-eu*er* he wolde yeve selle bequeth or assigne, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires one clowe of gelofre at Estir, and to the chief lordis of the fee dew *ser*uyce and I-wonyd, for all seruyce exaccioun and demaunde. And the forsaid Iohn and luce and ther heires or ther assignes warantized and defended the forsaide acre of mede w*ith* the p*er*tynentis to the forsaid Adam and his heires or to his assignes ayenst all men bothe cristen and Iewes for eu*er*. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid Adam yaf to hym xxx. s*hillings* of sterlyngis afore-handis. And that all thise afore I-write and a-fore I-diuided thyngis & *cetera* shold abide for eu*er* w*ith*out deceite, they strengthed this p*re*sent char*ter* & *cetera* [2].

Sale to Adam London, by John and Lucy Hulle, of 1 acre,

quit-rent, a clove.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase money, £1 10*s*.

[611.] A Charter of Adam Londoun to the mynchons of Godestow of one acre of mede the which lieth in Bisshoppisheyte.

About 1282.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that Adam I-called Londoun, burgeys of * Oxenford, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the

Sale to Godstow, * leaf 100.

[1] 'hym,' in error for 'her.'

[2] Witnesses include Henry Owen, *maior*, and Ely le quilter and Nicholas goldsmith, *ballivi*, of Oxford.

by Adam London, of no. 610.

mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god and to serve for ever, one acre of mede the which lieth in bisshoppisheyte, the which acre of mede he had and bought of Iohn hulle, Coruyser, and luce his sustir: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid mynchons and 4 to ther successours, of hym or his heires or his assignes, all the forsaid acre w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for eu*er*, yeldyng therof to the p*r*ioresse and mynchons of Stodely vij. d. for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the 8 forsaid Adam and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and shold defende w*ith* his owne costis all the forsaid acre of mede holy to the forseid mynchons and to ther successours ayenst all men and women, bothe Iewes and cristen men. And 12 for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym xxxiij. *shillings* iiij. d. of sterlyngis before handis. And that all, & *cetera*.

[Studley priory.]

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £1 13*s*. 4*d*.

1282, Nov. 8.

[612.] A quyte-clayme of Henry Fitz Milo of Oxenford of j. acre of mede in the bisshoppesheyte, & *cetera*.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Henry son of Milo, as overlord, of all title in no. 610.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that henry Fitz [Milo] 16 in the subarbis of Oxenford releseď, and vttirly quyte-claymeď, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther s*er*uyng god and for eu*er* to s*er*ue, all the right and clayme that he had or in any wise myght have in one acre of mede that lieth in the 20 bisshoppesheyte w*ith*-out Waltoñ w*ith*-in the liberteis of the hundred w*ith*-out the north gate of Oxenford, the which acre of mede was somtyme of Iohn hulle, Coruyser, of Oxenford and Luce his sustir, So that nother he ne the forsaid henry fitz 24 Milo nother there heires ne none in their name shold never axe right ne clayme in the forsaid acre of mede ne never chalenge. And for this remyssioñ and quyte-clayme the forsaid abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe yaf to hym one marke of siluer. 28 Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the sonday next after the fest of all seyntis, the x. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward.

[9. Exchange with William Burchester.]

*** A licence of kynge Edward to purchace and confirmacion.** * leaf 192. 1321, Nov. 14.

[613.] **A licence I-made to William Burncestre to morteyse to the mynchons of Godestowe one tofte, with the pertynentis, in the subarbes of Oxenforde, & *cetera*.**

*** A Licence of kyng Edward to purchase.** * leaf 192, back.

THE sentence is this, that Edward[1], kynge of Englond, & *cetera*, willed to be know that, though hit were I-ordeyned by the commune counseil of this Reame that hit shold not be lawfull to Religious peple or to other to entre the fee of ony man, so that hit shold come into morte-mayne, with-oute his licence and of the chief lordes of the which that thynge was immediatly holde by, Nathelesse the which, [by the fine which[2]] william Burnechestre [had made[2]] with hym, he graunted and yaf licence, for hym and his heires (al so moche as was in hym), to the same william that he myght yeve and assigne one tofte with the pertynentis in the subarbis of Oxenford to his welbeloued in crist the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons of the same place: To be had and to be holde, to the same abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for ever, into an eschaunge for one tofte with the pertynentis in the same subarbis to the same william by the forsaid abbesse and mynchons in fee to be yeve and graunted for ever. And also he graunted a speciall licence to the abbesse and mynchons that they myght resceive and holde the forsaid tofte, with his pertynentes, of the forsaid william, to them and to ther successours; and to the forsaid william that he myght resceive and holde another tofte, with the pertynentis, of the forsaid abbesse and mynchons, to hym and to his heires for ever, into the forsaid chaunge, as hit is I-seid afore by the tenoure of this present writyng, not willyng that the forsaid william or his heires, or the forsaid abbesse and mynchons or there successours, be

Licence in mortmain, by Edward II,

allowing William Burchester to give to Godstow, a toft

in exchange for a toft belonging to Godstow;

and allowing Godstow to effect said exchange.

[1] Nov. 14, 15 Edw. I, would be 1287. It is plain, however, from the next deed that it ought to be 'Edward, son of King Edward,' i. e. 1321.

[2] Words added from the Latin.

occasioned' or greved' in ony thynge by hym or by his heires. Savyng nathelesse service dewe and I-wonyd' to the chief lordis of that fee. Into witnesse of whiche thynge he made to be made his lettres patent, hymself beyng witnesse, at westmynster, the xiiij. day of Nouembre, the xv yere of his reigne, & *cetera*.

* leaf 97. 1322, June 4.

[614.] * A Charter of William Burcetur, Burgeys of Oxenford', of a Tofte With the partynentis, & *cetera*.

Exchange between Godstow and William Burchester, in terms of no. 613.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William of Burcetur, burgeys of Oxenford', yaf & *cetera*, to Margery, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the couent of the same place, into eschaunge, by the vertu of a charter of the kynge I-made therof, as hit is conteyned' fully in the same charter, one toofte, with the pertynentis, in the subarbis of Oxenford' without the northh yate of the same towne, that lieth in the parissh of seynt Gyle, bytwene the tenement of Nicholas Aylesdon of the one partie and the tenement of Richard' kene of Oseneye of the other parte: To be had' and to be hold', with all the pertynentis, to the forsaid' abbesse and couent and to there successours for euer, of the chief lordis of that fee, by dew service therof and I-wonyd' of right. And the forsaid' William and his heires warantized' and defended' for euer all the forsaid' toofte with his pertynentis to the forsaid' abbesse and couent and to ther successours ayenst all peple. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' abbesse and couent, into eschaunge for the forsaid' tofte, yaf to hym a tofte with his pertynentis in the subarbis abouesaid'. In-to witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford', the iiij. day of Iuyn, the xv. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward' the sone of kyng Edward'[1].

[10. Miscellaneous deeds.]

[NOTE.—These documents probably refer to properties which came to Godstow about 1290, but their connexion has not been traced.]

* leaf 107, back. About 1230.

[615.] * A Charter of William of Woluercote I-made to henry Blunde of xij. d'. yerely to be paid' of his acre of londe.

Grant to Henry Blunde. by

THE sentence of this charter is, that William of Woluercote yaf & *cetera* to henry Blundo and to his heires xij. d' yerely

Witness: John de Dokelynton, maior of Oxford, who took office Michaelmas 1321.

of his acre (of that, þat is to sey, the which lieth beside the pathe that is streight fro the strete of seynt Gile toward the thennhacre, in that [tilth], that is to sey, the which is ayenst the kyngis halle), yeldyng to hym and to his heires [xii. d.] at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at oure lady day in marche vj. d, and at Mighelmasse vj. d: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, frely and quyetly fro all exaccions and seruyce for euer. And he and his heires warantized the forsaid xij. d. to the said henry Blundo and to his heires ayenst all men and women, & *cetera*[1].

William of Wolvercote, of a rent-charge.

[616.] * A charter of Richard Giffard for j. acre of lond and iij. houses I-bilded above hit in the parissh of seynt Gyle to Geffrey of kenynton.

* leaf 109, back. About 1230.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Richard Giffard graunted lete and delyuered to Geffrey of kenynton an acre of lond with iij. houses aboue I-bilded, in the parissh of seynt Gyle with-out the north gate of Oxenford, that is to sey, that acre that he held of Thomas Basset the which lieth bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe of the one parte and the grete strete of the other parte: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires, of hym and of his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly fully and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires xij. d. at Mighelmasse for alle seruyce and exaccion. And the forsaid Richard and his heires warantized the forsaid acre of lond with the iij. houses aboue I-bilded to the forenamed Geffray and to his heires ayenst all men and women. And for this his graunte & *cetera* the forsaid Geffrey yaf to hym iij. marke of siluer and j. half in waryson. And for-asmoche as he willed that all the aboue write thyngis, & *cetera*[2].

Sale to Jeffrey of Kennington, by Richard Giffard, of 3 houses, quit-rent, 1s. Purchase-money, £2 6s. 8d.

[617.] * A Charter of Richard Vinch to Betrige his doughtir for the half of all that lond that he had somtyme of Clement Bere.

* leaf 108, back. About 1240.

THE sentence of this charter is that Richard Vinch, by the consent and assent of luce his wyf, yaf & *cetera* to Betrige

Grant to Beatrice Vinch, by

[1] Witnesses are: William of Cokesham, John Crompe, Hastinus praepositus.

[2] Witnesses: Simon Balehorn, Henry of Lisewis, &c.

her father Richard, of land

his doughtir half of all that lond that he had somtyme of Clement Bere in the parissh of seynt Gyle *with*-out the north gate in the subarbis of Oxenford, that is to sey, that half that lieth next to the lond of Iohn Rodeplonte: To be hold and to be had, of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, frely quyetly wele holy and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d. of siluer in Ester day, and vj. d * to the light of seynt Gyle of the same parissh at iij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ij. d, at Candilmasse ij. d, and at Whitsontyde ij. d, for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the said Richard Vinch and his heires warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid half of lond *with* the *per*tynentis to the forsaid Betrige his doughtir ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said Betrige yaf to hym ij. *shillings* of *ster*lyng*es*. And that this his yifte shold be sure, & *cetera*.

* leaf 109. subject to 6*d*. to light in St. Giles's church.

Purchase-money, 28.

* leaf 107, back. About 1260. Sale to Hugh of Walton, by Alice Fichet, widow, of land,

[618.] * A char*ter* of Alice Fychet of a certayn Lond in þe p*ar*issh of seint gile.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that Alice Fychet, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, yaf & *cetera* to hugh Fitz hugh of walton all that lond, *with* all the *per*tynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond that was of Ive of wodestok, of the one p*ar*te and the lond of Richard Wolgaricote of the other p*ar*te in the parissh of seynt Gile *with*out the north gate in the * Subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym[1] and his[1] heires for eu*er*, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, frely and quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to the said Alice al so longe as she lived xij. d. at iiij. pryncipall *ter*mes of the yere, and to his[1] heires ij. d. at Estir, for all seruyce custome and demaunde, savyng the rent of the chief lord. And the forsaid Alice and her heires warantized and defended all the forsaid lond *with* all the *per*tynentis to the forsaid hugh and to his heires or to his assignes agenst all men, bothe cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid hugh yaf to her xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis in waryson. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 108.

subject to life-annuity of 12*d*., and to quit-rent of 2*d*.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £1.

[1] 'hym' and 'his' in error for 'her.'

[619.] * A charter of William Crompe for half j. acre lond' in Bewmounte. * leaf 107. About 1280.

THE sentence of this charter is, that sir William Crompe, Chapeleyn, of Oxenford', yaf & *cetera* to Iohn of Middelton fitz Adam of Middelton, and to his heires or to his assignes, j. half
4 acre of lond' for euer, with his pertynentis, in the towne of Oxenford', liyng in the feld' of bewmont in brede bitwene the lond' of the abbesse of Godestowe and of þe same Couent of the northe parte and bitwene the lond' of the fermorye of the same place of
8 the southe parte, wherof j. hede of the forsaid' half acre in brede strecchith hit-self toward' the Est and another toward' the west: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and of his heires and his assignes, to the forsaid' Iohn and to his heiris or his assignes,
12 frely quyetly holy wele and in good' pease for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes j. clowegelofre at the fest of seynt Michell' for all service, customes, and seculer demaundis, the which ben now or myght happe hereafter
16 for euer. And the said' William, his heires, or his assignes, warantized' aquyted' and defended' the forsaid' half acre ayenst all mortall' men. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid' Iohn yaf to hym j. marke of siluer afore-hondis into warison. And that
20 this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Sale to John of Middleton, by William Crompe, of a half-acre,

[Godstow infirmary.]

quit-rent, a clove at Michaelmas.

Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.*

[11. Leases granted by Godstow.]

[620.] * A Charter of william kochesham of v. *shillings*. * leaf 96, back. About 1230.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Cochesham held' of the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe his lond' in the parissh of seynt Gyles of Oxenford', yeldyng therof yerely xij. d.
24 with the workyng of ij. men yerely by ij. dayes, that is to sey, to make heye and to mowe corne. Fro thens-forthe he and his heires shold' pay for euer v. *shillings* to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, to-gedir with workyng of ij. men, without ony
28 agayn-saiyng and reteynyng, at the fest of Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d. and at Estir ij. *shillings* vj. d. And for this graunte and encrese of the rent, the said' abbesse and couent yaf to hym in his nede xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis, So that he fro that tyme
32 forthe myght not plegge selle nother encrease the rent ne in no

Addition by Godstow to William of Cochesham's rent (viz. 1*s.*, with 2 days' work of 2 men hay-making and corn-mowing) of 4*s.* a year, in consideration of an advance of £2, under

covenant not to mortgage.

wyse aliene the forsaid lond to Iewys [or] cristen men. And that this his owne willefulle graunte and encreasyng of Rent shold be sure, & *cetera* [1].

* leaf 108, back. 1265.

[621.] * A Charter of Emme Bluet to Iohn Crompe for a mese in the parisshe of Seynt Gyle of Oxenford.

Grant by Godstow, to John Crompe and his heirs, of a messuage,

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Emme Bluet, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, *with* the assent and consent of all the Covent, yaf & *cetera* to Iohn Crompe all that mese, *with* the pertynentis, I-sette bitwene the lond of Adam Middelton of the one parte and the lond of William Crompe of the other parte, in the parissh of seynt Gyle *without* the north yate in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, of them and ther successours, to the said Iohn and to his heires, frely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours x. *shillings* of siluer at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmas ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at oure lady day in marche ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at Midsomer ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d; and j. man at ther grete bedrepe in hervest, for all seruyce custome and demaunde. And the seid Iohn shold susteyne all the forsaid tenement, *with* his owne costis, in the same state that hit was or in better yf he myght. And the said Iohn bound hym-self that he myght be distreyned, *without* ony agayn-saiyng, in *þat* tenement and also [in] mevable goodes and vnmevable, yf he sesed in ony terme afore I-writte and paiyng of the dew rent; And yf hit hap that they or ther successours did make ony expensis for to gete ther rent, the same Iohn and his heires shold be hold to pay the seid expensis to them or to ther successours. And the seid Emme Bluet and the Couent and ther successours warantized acquyted and defended for euer the said mese, *with* the pertynentis, as hit is diuided afore, to the said Iohn and to his heires ayenst all men and women bothe cristen and Iewes, so (that is to sey) that hit shold not be lawfull to the said Iohn or to his heires to leye to wedde the seid mese in Iuery, nother to aliene hit to ony religious (out-take the house of Godestowe).

quit-rent, 10s.,

and service of 1 man at the great 'bed-repe,'

[Warranty against Jews.]

under covenant not to mortgage

[1] Witnesses are: Philip the miller, Robert Oen, Richard Bolloc, John Crompe.

And that this ther yifte & *cetera*, they put to ther seales, & *cetera*[1]. to Jews or religious.

[622.] * A Charter of Emme Blueth abbesse of Godestowe to Philip̄ writer of Bewmounte for one mese in Bewmounte. * leaf 103. About 1265.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Emme Bleueth, abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, yaf & *cetera* to Philippe, writer, in Bewmounte, j. mese in Bewmounte in the subarbis of Oxenford in the parissh of seynt Gyle, that that is bitwene the lond of the said Philippe and the lond that was somtyme of Adam Shenevet: To be had and to be hold, of them and there successours, and to hym, to his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease heritably for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to theire successours x. *shillings* at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Midsomer xxx. d, at Mighelmasse xxx. d, at Cristmasse xxx. d, at Estir xxx. d, for all seruyce, quarels, exaccions, sutis of ony maner courte, and demaundes, [savyng] twey[2] grete courtis at myghelmasse and at hokke-day. And yf hit happe that the said rent be not I-paid at the said termes, the said philip graunted for hym and his heires that his owne house shold be distreyned tille they were I-paid. And the abbesse and couent and ther sucessoures warantized and defended for euer to the forsaid philip and to his heires the said mese with all his pertynentis ayenst all men and women. And that this her graunte shold be sure & *cetera*[3].

Grant by Godstow, to Philip writer, of a messuage, quit-rent, 10s., subject to 2 suits of court. [Hockday = 2nd Tuesday after Easter.]

[623.] * A couenaunte I-made bitwene Dame Emme Bluet, abbesse by the grace of god of Godestowe, and sir Iohn of seynt Gyle, for iij. acris of arable lond with all ther pertynentis in ther tylthe of Wythorpte. * leaf 103, back. 1266, July 15.

THIS was the couenaunte I-made, bitwene dame Emme Bluet, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the

Grant by Godstow, to John,

[1] Among the witnesses are Nicholas of Stokwell, *maior*, and William of O and Jeffrey mercer, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas 1264.

[2] (Exempt from 'sectae') 'salvis duabus magnis curiis ad festum Michaelis et a le hokeday.' See nos. 625, 626.

[3] Witnesses: William le Yrreys, William Crompe, Adam de Middleton, Ernald le goyere, &c.

parson of St. Giles,

[St. Kenelm = July 17.]

same place of the one p*ar*tie, and sir Iohn of seynt Gyle of Oxenford of the other p*ar*te, the thursday next afore the fest of seynt kenelme, the fyfty yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, that is to sey, that the said abbesse and couent yaf, graunted, and confermed w*ith* this p*re*sent couenaunte

of 3 acres arable in Wycroft (?), with a building, osier-bed, and meadow at Wyke,

writyng, to the said Iohn iij. acris of arable lond w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis in the tylthe of wythorpte [1], w*ith* the mansion, tyftis of roddis, thorptis or croftis, and medis, at wyke, the whiche wyke somtyme they held of the burgeys of Oxenford, as the same Iohn held somtyme of them: of the which acris, ij. lyen in the vtter south stede of ther said tylthe, and the thirde acre a lytell toward the north (ij. acris and j. half liyng bitwene hit and the forsaid two acris): To be had and to be hold,

to be held for life-term,

to hym al so longe as he lived, of them and ther successours, frely quyetly in good state and in pease, in weyes in pathes in medis and pasturis and fysshyngis, w*ith* alle fredoms and fre customes, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours al so longe as he lived ij. s*hillings* of sterlyngis at Mighelmasse for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaund, or ony maner help, and þat

[quit-rent, 2*s*.]

with rights of pasture over Godstow meadows.

* leaf 104.

þe same Iohn shold have fre entre and goyng-out w*ith* his owne bestis to be fedde in ther*e* medys nye lying about þ*er*e londe * after the first heye and the seconde [2] careatu*m* or cariyng. And the seid Emme Bluet abbesse and Couent of Godestow warantized and defended all the forsaid londes w*ith* all the p*er*tynentis and fredoms to the said Iohn also longe as he lyved ayenst all men and women. So that aftir the decesse of the seid Iohn, all the forsaid lond w*ith* the mansion, tyftis of twyggis, thorptis, medis, fedyngis, placis, fysshe-weris, and all other thyngis longyng to the said lond, shold holy turne ayene to them and to ther*e* successours, w*ith*out ony contradiccion or lette of ony man or of ony men, into ther owne vse. And that this writyng conuencionall all the daies of the seid Iohn shold be sure & *cetera*, eu*er*ych ther seales to others writyng & *cetera*.

[1] At the dissolution, 1540, Wycrofte, 14 acres was valued at 1*s*. 4*d*. an acre: *Monast*. iv. 370.

[2] The Latin is: 'post primum fenum et secundum careatum'; which may mean 'after carrying-off the prime-math and the after-math,' taking *secundum* as adjective. If *secundum* is taken as a preposition, it would be 'after mowing the first hay-crop and after carting it.'

[624.] * A convencion I-made bitwene Emme Bluet, abbesse of Godestowe, and sir Iohn of seynt Gyle of Oxenford for iij. acris of arable lond with ther pertynentis in theire tilthe of wycrofte with a mansion busshis croftis and medis at wyke. * leaf 104, back. 1266, July 15.

Re-translation of no. 623.

THIS was the couenaunt I-made bytwene dame Emme Bluet, by þe grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one parte, and sir Iohn of seynt Gyle of
4 Oxenford of the other parte, The thursday next afore the fest of seynt kenelme, the fyfty yere of the regne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, that is to sey, that the said abbesse and Couent yaf, graunted, and with this writyng of covenaunt con-
8 fermed, to the said Iohn, iij. acris of his[1] arable lond, with ther pertynentis, in that tilthe of wycrofte, with a mansion, busshis, croftis, and medis, at the wyke, the which wyke his bele-siris fadir[2] somtyme held of the burgeys of Oxenford, as the same
12 Iohn held hit of them somtyme: of the which acris, ij. lien in the out south side of theire seid tilthe, and the thirde acre a lite toward the north (ij. acris and an half liyng bitwene hit and the forsaid ij. acris): To be had and to be hold, al so longe
16 as he lived, of them and ther successours, frely and quyetly in goodnesse and in pease, in weyes in pathes in medis in pasturis and in fysshweris and all other fredoms and customes, yeldyng therof yerely to the said mynchons and to ther successours al so
20 longe as he lived ij. *shillings* of sterlyngis at Mighelmasse for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde, or ony maner help. And that the same Iohn shold have fre entryng and goyng-out with his owne bestis to be fed in ther medis nye liyng about his
24 londe after the first heye and the second cariatum or cariyng. And the seid Emme Bluet and the Couent of Godestowe warantized aquyted and defended * all the forsaid londis, with all pertynentis and his fredomes afore-named, to the said Iohn al so longe
28 as he lived ayenst all men and women. So that afor[3] the decesse of the said Iohn all the forsaid londe, with the mansion, busshis, croftis, medis, pasturis, fysshyng placis, and all other thyngis * leaf 105.

[1] 'his' underlined for correction. Read 'their.'
[2] In error for 'their predecessor' perhaps. See no. 623.
[3] Read 'after.'

longyng to the said lond, shold turne ayene holy in[to] the[r] owne vsis to the said mynchons and to ther successours, *with*-out ony agayn-seiyng or lette of ony man or of ony men. And that this writyng of covenant shold be stronge all the dayes of the forsaid John, they put to *þere* seles, & *cetera*.

1279. **[625.] A Charter bitwene the abbesse and Covent of Godestowe and Richard haueburge[1] for a mese in the parissh of seynt Gile.**

Grant by Godstow, to Richard of Handborough and his heirs of body, of a messuage,

THIS was the couenaunt I-made, bytwene Royse, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one *par*tie, and Richard Haveburge[1] of the other *par*te, that the said abbesse and couent, *with* one assent and good wille, lete and toke to fee-ferme to the said Richard that mese, *with* his *per*tynentis, that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of Wyotte Carpen*ter* and the lond of Adam Middelton in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of the said Abbesse and Couent and ther successours, to the said Richard and to his heiris of his body lawfully I-gote, frely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng *þer*of yerely to the forsaid abbesse and couent and to ther successours xiij. *shillings* iiij. d. at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse xl. d, at our*e* lady day in Marche xl. d., and at Midsomer xl. d., and at Mighelmas *xl. d., for all seculer [seruice] and demaunde, savyng the sute of ij. Courtis: and the said abbesse and Couent and ther successours warantized aquyted and defended the said mese *with* his *per*tynentis, to the said Richard and to his heires of his body begoten, ayenst all men and women bothe cristen and Iewes for ever. So natheles that the said Richard and his heires shold susteyne the said mese *with* his *per*tynentis, *with* ther owne costis, in al so good state as they resceived hit or in bettir. And hit shold not be leful to the seid Richard, nother to his heires, to aliene ne yeve in ony wise the said mese, in all or in *par*te: and yf hit happe (that god forbede) that the said rent be not I-paid at the *ter*mes I-sette, or that the said mese be ruynowse so that the said rent myght not be levied of the said mese, than hit shold be lefull to the said abbesse and covent and to ther successours to resceive and

quit-rent, 13s. 4*d*.,

* leaf 105, back.

and twice suit to court,

[Warranty against Jews.]

under covenants to repair, and not to sub-let.

[1] Read 'Haneburge.'

occupie in the ende of the yere into ther owne vsis and to entre the said' mese, w*ith*-out ony agayn̄-saiyng' of ony man or of ony men, bothe p*ar*ties renunsyng' for them-self, and ther successours, or the[r] heires, to all' excepcion̄, cauyllacion̄, and namelych to kyngis p*r*ohibicion̄ and remedy of the law by þe which the forsaid' instrument vndir fo*ur*me afore-writte myght lette. Into witnesse, & *cetera*, bothe p*ar*ties sette to this writyng' ther seales, & *cetera* [1].

Power of re-entry.

[626.] *A couenaunt I-made bitwene Royse Oxhay abbesse of Godestow and Rob*er*t Mylton̄ for a mese I-take to fee-ferme.

* leaf 110. About 1280.

THE sentence of this covenaunte is, that there was a covenaunte I-made bitwene Royse Oxhay, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestow, and the couent of the same place, of the one p*ar*te, and Rob*er*t Mylton̄ of the other p*ar*te, that is to sey, þat the seid' abbesse and Covent toke and lete to fee-ferme to the seid' Rob*er*t that mese, w*ith* all' his p*er*tyne*n*tes, that is I-sette bitwene the mese that was somtyme of adam of Middelton̄ and the mese of William Crompe, in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', of the seid' abbesse and couent and to ther successours, to the said' Rob*er*t and to the heires of his body lawfully begote, frely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng' therof yerely to the said' abbesse and Covent and to ther successours xiij. s*hillings* iiij. d'. at iiij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse xl. d', at our lady day in marche xl. d', and at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist xl. d', and at Mighelmasse xl. d', for all' s*er*uyce and seculer demaunde, savyng' [2] ij. dayes Iourney in hervest, and in sute of ij. chief courtis. And the said abbesse and Couent warantiȝed' aquyted' and, by the forsaid' rent, defended' the seid' mese, w*ith* all' his p*er*tynentis, to the said' Rob*er*t and to his heires of his body lawfully begote ayenst all' men and women, bothe cristen and Iewes. And the said' Rob*er*t and his heires shold' susteyne and vp-hold' the said' mese, w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, w*ith* his owne costis, in al so good' a state as they resceived' hit

Grant by Godstow, to Robert Mylton, and heirs of body,

of a messuage,

quit-rent, 13*s.* 4*d.*, in addition to two days' work in harvest, and twice suit of court,

[Warranty against Jews.] under covenant to repair.

[1] Among the witnesses are Henry Owen, *maior*, and Ely le quilter and Philip de O, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas 1278. Also Walter Bost, then bailiff of Northgate hundred.

[2] In Latin: 'salvis duabus dietis in autumpno.'

or in bettir. And hit sholď not be lawfull to the said Rob*er*t to selle or assigne or in ony wise to aliene the said mese, in all or in p*ar*te. And yf hit happed that the seid rent were not I-paid in the t*er*mes I-sette (that god for-bede), or that the 4 seid mese were ruynowse, by the whiche the said rent myght not be levyed of the said mese, Than it sholď be lawfull to the said abbesse and Couent to entre the said mese, w*it*h his p*er*tynentis, in the ende of the yere, and to ayene hold and occupie hit, w*it*h- 8 out ony agayn-saiyng of ony man or of ony men. And to all these thyngis truly to be keped þe said Rob*er*t founde a borow, that is to sey, hugh of Mylton his fadir, the which bounde hym-self and graunted for hym and his heires that, whan-so-eu*er* the 12 forsaid rent was not fully I-paid at the t*er*mes I-sette, hit sholď be lawfull to the forsaid Abbesse and Covent to nyme and to distreyne in all his godis mevable, and vnmevable, eu*er*y where, for the said rent, tille * hit be fully satisfied of the said 16 rent, renuncyng in that doyng bothe p*ar*ties for them and ther successours and heires all excepcion cauellacion and namely kyngis p*ro*hibicion and all remedy of lawe by the which this p*re*sent Instrument vndir fo*ur*me afore I-writte myght lette. 20 Into witnesse & *cetera*, bothe p*ar*ties put to ther seales to this p*re*sent writyng I-made in-to the maner of a Charter, & *cetera*.

Powers of distraint and re-entry.

Security given, who also may be distrained upon.

* leaf 110, back.

About 1290.

[627.] * A covenaunte bitwene Mabile Wafre, Abbesse of Godestow, and the covent of the same place of the one p*ar*te, and Richard haueborough[1], Tanner, of the other p*ar*te, for viij. acris of arable lond in the feld of Walton to the t*er*me of the lyf of the forsaid Richard, yeldyng therof yerely iiij. s*hillings*.

Lease for life-term, by Godstow, to Richard of Handborough, of 8 acres,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that ther was a covenaunt I-made bitwene Mabile Wafre, abbesse of Godestowe, and the 24 covent of the same place of the one p*ar*te, and Richard haueborough[1], of the oþ*er*, that is to sey, that the seid Abbesse and Covent lete, graunted, and toke[2] to ferme, to the forsaid Richard viij. acris of arable lond liyng in the feldis of Walton, the which 28 hugh fitz hugh Reve somtyme held: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Richard to the t*er*me of his lyf, frely quyetly wele and in pease, w*it*h all ther*e* p*er*tynentis, yeldyng therof

[1] Read 'Haneborough.' [2] 'toke' = 'gave out.'

yerely to the forsaid abbesse and couent iiij. *shillings* at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse xij. d, at oure lady day in marche xij. d, at Midsomer xij. d, at Mighelmas xij. d, for all seculer seruyce and demaunde. And the seid Abbesse and couent and ther successours shold warantize, by the forseid rent, and defende, the said viij. acris of arable lond, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Richard as longe as he lived ayenst all mortall men. And for this letyng & *cetera*, the forsaid Richard yaf to the forsaid abbesse and Couent iij. mark, and j. half of sterlyngis afore-handis. Into witnesse of the which thyng, & *cetera*.

quit-rent, 6*d.* an acre.

Purchase-money, £2 6*s.* 8*d.*

[628.] * A-nother graunte by Alice Georges, abbesse of Godestowe, to Philipp*e* myxbury, Alice his wyf, and Iohane her doughtir, for a place with a stonyn walle and all other p*er*tynentis and easementis in the parissh of Seynt Gyle.

* leaf 103. About 1300.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Alice Georges, by the grace of god that tyme abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, *with* one assent and consent of all ther chapit*er*, yaf & *cetera*, for them and þ*ere* successours, to philip myxbury and to Alice his wyf and to Iohane ther doughtir, all that place *with* a stony walle and all his p*er*tynentis and easementis I-sette in the parissh of seynt gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford, bitwene the lond of henry Peyntour of the north p*ar*te and the lond of William Longe of the south p*ar*te: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid philipp*e*, Alice his wyf, and Iohane ther doughtir, al so longe as they lived, or to one that lengest lived of them, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease; So that they (þat is to sey, Philipp*e*, Alice and Iohane) shold make to lefte-vp and to be bilded, *with* ther*e* owne costis, the houses or bildyngis in the forsaid place in the whiche he myght more honestly be inhabite and dwelle and to ther more auauntage and p*ro*fite while or al so longe as they lived, *with*-out ony * distroiyng or castyng-downe of housis; yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours vj. *shillings* viij. d of siluer at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, principall and vsuell; and twyes by the yere, sute to ther courte of Walton; and the seruyce of one man by one day in hervest, for all *ser*uice and seculer demaundes: eu*er*more I-saued and reserued or kepid, to them and to ther successours,

Lease for 3 lives, by Godstow, to Philip Myxbury, his wife, and daughter, of a walled site,

on condition that they build there a dwelling-house.

* leaf 103, back.

Quit-rent, 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly; suit to two Courts; one day's work in harvest.

Power of distraint reserved.

and to ther baillifis, full power to neme and to distreyne the forsaid tenement thurgh all goodes and catals for the forsaid rent and of other seruycis aboueseid [till it] were to them fully satisfied

[The custom of Oxford town.]

and also [1] for the failyng of the tyme (yf hit were nede) after the custome of Oxenford. And the forsaid Alice Georges and the Covent of the same place and ther successoures warantiȝed aquyted and by the forsaid service defended all the forsaid place, *with* all the walles and all maner *per*tynentis afore-named, to the forsaid philipp*e*, Alice, and to Iohane the doughtir of them, al so longe as they lived or to one of them lengest livyng, ayenst all men and women. Into witnesse of the which, eu*er*ith of the p*ar*ties put to ther seales to others writyng, & *cetera* [2].

* leaf 102. 1306, Dec. 25.

[629.] *A Char*ter* of Moold Vpton for a tenement to the mynchons of, & *cetera*.

Lease for three lives, by Godstow, to William of Bokenhulle, his wife, and son, of a tenement,

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that moolde vpton, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, *with* one assent and consent of all ther chapit*er*, the cristmasse day, the yere of our lord a thousand thre C. and sixe, lete & *cetera* to William of Bokenhulle and to margery his wyf and to henry ther sone, one tenemente *with* the p*er*tynentis I-sette in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the hundred *with*-out the north gate of Oxenford, bitwene the tenement of the forsaid William of the one p*ar*te and the tenement of Nicholas Rodeplonte of the other p*ar*te: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid William and Margery and henry, to all the t*er*me of their lyf or to the other of them lengest livyng, frely quyetly wele and in pease, of them and of ther successours, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours vij. s*hillings* iiij. d. at iiij. co*m*mune and vsuall t*er*mes of the yere; and ij. sutis of ther courte by yere; and also ij. dayes to repe in hervest, for all other *sutes and demaundes. And the forsaid Moolde and her successours warantiȝed acquyted and defended the forsaid tenement, *with* the p*er*tynentis, to the for-

quit-rent, 7*s*. 4*d*.; two suits of court; and 2 days' reaping.

* leaf 102, back.

[1] In the Latin: 'ac etiam per lapsum temporis vendendi si necesse fuerit juxta consuetudinem ville Oxonie ad quattuor anni terminos principales et usuales.' This seems to mean that, if Godstow had to resume possession, the lessees would still be liable for the rent till the next usual time of letting, i.e. next quarter-day.

[2] Witnesses: John of Beverley, Henry le peyntour, Robert of Milton, Henry of Weston, Nicholas Rodeplont.

said' william and margerye and to henry, to all the lyf of them or to the other of them lyvyng lengest, ayenst all mortall peple, So that the forsaid' tenement, with the pertynentis, after
4 the decesses of the forsaid' William, Margerye, and henry, shold' go or turne ayene to them and to ther successours in al so good' a state or better than they resceyved' hit. Into the witnesse of the which & *cetera*, they sette there seales, euerych to others
8 writyng. The date at Godestowe the day & yere aboueseid'.

[630.] *An endenture of a yerde of lond', with the pertynentis, I-made to Thomas Marchall of Oxenford' and to Cecilie his wyf, & *cetera*. * leaf 106. 1318.

THIS was the couenaunte I-made bitwene Margerye Dyne, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one parte, and Thomas Marchall
12 of Oxenford' and Cecilye his wyf of the other partie, that is to sey, that the forsaid' abbesse and Couent, with one assent, graunted' toke and lete to the forsaid' Thomas and Cecilie one yerde, of londe, with the pertynentis, in the subarbis of Oxenford':
16 that is to sey, his[1] lond' bitwene the walle of the monkis of derham and the lond' that is I-called' the gores (except half an acre the which is of the Fermery), the which is mesured' to iiij. acris and an half; and his[1] lond' at Wodych beside the
20 Galows alias furcas, liyng bitwene the lond' of Iohn Goldsmyth and the lond' that henry Bramptoⁿ held', the which is I-mesured' to ix. acris and an half; Also beside the goldsmythes borow, v. acris not mesured'[2], liyng beside the lond' of Iohn Goldsmyth,
24 and butten hem-self vpon the lond' of the abbot of Oseneye of the west side; Also beside the grene diche, of the southe parte, ij. acris, liyng bitwene the lond' of Iohn Goddyng; Also iij. acris of lond' liyng at the myle thoroⁿ; Also j. acre, liyng
28 beside the Elmes, beside the lond' of William Burcetur:

Twenty years' lease, by Godstow, to Thomas and Cecily Marchall, of a yardland, [=25 acres]

partly near Durham College, = 4½ acres; [Godstow infirmary.] partly beside the gallows, = 9½ acres; and 5 acres, and 2 acres, and 3 acres, and 1 acre;

To be had' and to be hold', to the same Thomas and Cecilie, to the terme of xx. yere next folowyng after the makyng of this present writyng, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaid' abbesse
32 and Couent and ther successours by *x yere next folowyng euery yere in the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist j. rose for all

* leaf 106, back.

[1] 'his,' i. e. their. [2] i. e. acres, by estimation.

at first by rent of a rose at Mid-summer, afterwards of 16s. a year.

seruyce. And, aftir tho x. yere fully complete euery yere xvj. *shillings*, that is to sey, that one half at the fest of seynt Martyn and the other half at the fest of the ascencion of oure lord. And yf the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie, or the other of them, faileden or failed in the paiyng of the forsaid rent at the forsaid termes to be paid (that god for-bede), hit shold be lefull, to the forsaid abbesse and couent and to ther successours or to ther seruantis, to distreyne in the said lond, by there plough bestis and all other catall I-founde in them, and to holde stille the distreynyng tille they be fully satisfyed of the arreragis of the rente aforsaid. And yf peraventure, or by case, the forsaid lond by malice or importunysse of the same Thomas or Cecilie or one of them be vntelyd by one yere, Than hit shold be lefull to the forsaid Abbesse and her successours to entre the same lond and to agayn-hold for ever, without reclaymyng or criyng-agayn of the said Thomas and Cecilie, but hit be satisfied fully of all his rent withyn the yere folowyng. And yf hit happe bothe the same Thomas and Cecilie to dye withyn x. yere next folowyng, than the executours of the last decessyng of them shold have that lond vnto the forsaid x. yeres be completed, For the whiche the said Thomas paied beforehondis. And anon aftir the decese of the last of the said Thomas and Cecilie diyng aftir the terme aforsaid of x. yere, or aftir the terme aforsaid of the xx. yere yf they ouer-lived hit, the forsaid lond shold turne agayn to the forsaid abbesse and to there successours fully, natheles savyng to them, or to ther executours of the forsaid last diyng, the vesture of cornys growyng in the same lond in the decessyng aforsaid or in the ende of the terme aforsaid. And the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie or the other of them shold have, duryng the terme aforsaid, commune of pasture to ther bestis, as other negbores and tenauntis of the same abbesse were I-wonyd to haue in the subarbis aforsaid. And the forsaid abbesse and her successours warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid lond and commune with the pertynentis, to the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie or to the other of them, all the forsaid tyme, ayenst all peple. To these writyngis endented, into witnesse bothe parties put to, euerych to other, ther seales. The date at Godestowe, the xij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kynge Edwarde.

Power to distrain for rent, even on plough-beasts.

Power of re-entry, if the land is left untilled for a year, and so has no crop to be distrained on.

Provisions in case of death of the lessees,

and as to crops at end of the lease.

Rights of common pasture go with the land.

[631.] * A couenaunt bitwene Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, And Walter Weston for a tenement that [was I-called] Margarete halle & *cetera*. * leaf 105, back. About 1325.

THE sentence of this covenaunte is, that there was a covenaunte I-made bitwene dame Margarete Dyne, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one *par*te, and Walter Weston of the other, that is to sey, that the forsaid abbesse and Covent graunted and toke, for them and ther successours, to the forsaid Walter, his heires, and his assignes, a tenement in the subarbis of Oxenford in seynt Gylis strete, that somtyme was I-called margarete halle, the which tenement stode bitwene the tenement that was of Nicholas Rudeplonte of the south *par*te and the tenement that was of Richard Osen of the northe *par*te: To be had and to be hold, with all his *per*tynentis and eysementis, of the forsaid abbesse and couent and of ther successours, to the forsaid Walter, to his heires, and to his assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease, to the terme of Lx. yere, the *ter*me begynnyng in the morow of the Annunciacion of oure lady in marche, the xix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward, yeldyng *þer*of yerely to the abbesse of Godestowe aforsaid and to ther successours iiij. *shillings* of siluer at ij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmas ij. *shillings* and at our lady day in marche ij. *shillings*; and to the house of the hospitall of seynt Iohn of Oxenford eu*er*y yere xij. d., for all *ser*uyce * exaccion and demaunde. And yf hit happe (that god for-bede) that the said rent be not fully I-paid, in the *ter*mes I-ordeyned, to the forsaid abbesse and couent and also to the house of seynt Iohn of Oxenford and to the[r] successours, but ben behynde by an hole yere and iiij. dayes, fro that tyme hit shold be lefull to the said abbesse and covent to entre the said tenement in the ende of the yere and to resceive and occupie into their owne vsis, w*ith*out agayn-saiyng of any man or of ony men. Also the forseid abbesse and covent graunted, for them and ther successours, to the seid Walter [to his] heires and to his assignes that [they] ben nerr*er* than other in biyng of the seid tenement to[1] the ende of

Lease for 60 years by Godstow, to Walter Weston,

of 'Margaret hall' in S. Giles' Street.

Quit-rent to Godstow, 4*s*., and to St. John Baptist Hospital, 1*s*.

* leaf 106.

Right of re-entry, if rent is in arrears.

[1] 'to,' i. e. at.

the seid' *ter*me of lx. yere fully[1], but they be put away fro the
said' tenement because of the rent not I-paid' (that god forbede
hit), as hit is I-seid' before, renuncyng' of bothe p*ar*ties for them
and ther successours all' excepcion' cauellacion' and namelich the 4
kyngis p*ro*hibicion' and the remedy of all' lawe by the whiche
this p*re*sent Instrument vndir the forme afore I-writte myght
lette. And[2] that this conuencion' shold' be sure, & *cetera*·
The date at Godestowe, the day and yere abouesaide, & *cetera*. 8

* leaf 104. 1330, Sept. 30.

[632.] * A Charter bitwene Margerye Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, and Iohn Cuddyng, tailour, for a mese *with* a curtilage for xl yere.

Forty years' lease, by Godstow, to John and Alice Cuddyng,

THE chart*er* bitwene Margerye Dyne, by the grace of god
abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the
one p*ar*tie, and Iohn Cuddyng, Taillour of Oxenford', and Alice
his wyf, hit was accorded' into this maner: that the forsaid' 12
abbesse and Couent, w*ith* one consent and assent of ther chapit*er*,
toke graunted' and lete to the said' Iohn and Alice, to the t*er*me
of xl. yere next folowyng' aft*er* the makyng' of this p*re*sent
writyng' I-complete, a mese w*ith* a curtilage in the subarbis 16
of Oxenford', in the strete and parissh of seynt Gyle, bitwene
the tenement of the said' abbesse and couent of bothe p*ar*ties,
of Middelton Hall; the which mese in co*m*mune speche Middelton' halle is I-called':
To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' Iohn, Alice, and to ther 20
heires or executours, duryng' the t*er*me of xl. yere aforseid',
of the said' abbesse covente and ther successours, yeldyng' therof
quit-rents 13*s*. 4*d*. to Godstow, and 18. 2*d*. to Einsham abbey, yerely to the said' abbesse xiij. s*hillings* iiij. d'. of siluer at
ij. t*er*mys of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. s*hillings* 24
viij. d'. and at oure lady day in Marche vj. s*hillings* viij. d'., and
to the abbot of Eynysh*a*m, xiiij. d'. of siluer at the same t*er*mys
by even porcions at all' the forsaide t*er*me, for all' seruyce and
seculer exaccion'. And the forsaid' abbesse and Couent and ther 28
successours warantiȝed' and defended', by the forsaid' rent, the
mese w*ith* the Curtilage and ther p*er*tynentis in eu*er*y place
to the forsaid' Iohn and Alice, his heires or executo*ur*s, thurgh all'

[1] The meaning is:— Godstow covenants to allow the present lessees to make first offer for the property when it is again to be let at the end of the 60 years, unless the lease has been forfeited by fault of these lessees. The Latin is: 'quod sint propinquiores aliis in emptione dicti tenementi ad finem dicti termini.'

[2] MS. has 'at.'

the said^ *ter*me ayenst all^ mortall^ peple. And the forsaid^ Iohn and Alice, his heires and executours, shold^, w*ith* ther owne costis, susteyne and hold^ vp the said^ mese, w*ith* the curtilage, in al so good^ a state, or bett*er*, as they resceived^ them, duryng the *ter*me aforsaid^, and amende and repaire or make-agayne defautis in the same competently whan nede were. And yf the said^ yerely rent be behynde in the forsaid^ *ter*mes by a yere and iiij. dayes (that god for-bede), hit shold^ be lawfull^ to the seid^ abbesse and Couent and to their* successours to entre and to take ayene the said^ mese, w*ith* the Curtilage, and to hold^ hit ayene for eu*er* into ther owne vsis, w*ith*out ony agayn-saiyng or lette or w*ith*-holdyng of ony men. Also hit shold^ not be lawfull^ to the seid^ Iohn and Alice, her heires or executours, to aliene, selle, or lette the said^ mese w*ith* the curtilage in ony wise, but the forsaid^ abbesse and Couent and ther successours wold^ lete hem other-wise to do. And that the forsaid^ rent shold^ be truly I-paid^ in the *ter*mes I-ordeyned^, the forsaid^ Iohn and Alice bounde them by an obligacion, her heires and executo*ur*s, and all^ ther goodes mevable and vnmevable where they myght be founde, and principally his londis and tenementis in Oxenford^-shire to whos-so-ever hondis they come, to the distreynyng and constreynyng of the said^ abbesse and Couent and of their baillifis. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*, they put eu*er*ych to other ther seales to this p*re*sent writyng endented^. The date at Godestowe, in ther full^ chapitir, the sonday in the morow of Seynt Mighell^ the archaungell^, the iiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward^ the thirde.

under obligation to repair,

* leaf 104, back.

and prohibition to sell or let.

Powers of distraint.

[633.] * A couenaunte I-made bitwene Moolde Bewchampe and Thomas Brackele for x. *shillings* in the p*ar*issh of seynt gile of Oxon.

* leaf 110, back. 1339, June 24.

THE sentence of this couenaunte is, that ther was a couenaunt I-made bitwene moolde Bewchampe, by the suffraunce of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one p*ar*tie, and Thomas Brackele and Iulian his wyf and Anneys the doughtir of them, into this maner: that is to sey, that the seid^ abbesse and Couent toke graunted^ and lete to ferme to the seid^ Thomas Iulian and Anneys fro the fest of the natiuite of seynt Iohn baptist, the xiij. yere of the reigne of kyng

Twenty years' lease, by Godstow, to Thomas of Brackley, his wife, and daughter,

of a messuage,

Edward̃ the third̃ aftir the conquest, vnto the *terme* of xx. yere contynuelly folowyng and fully complete, a mese *with* a curtilage in the subarbis of Oxenford̃, I-sette in the parissh of seynt Gyle bitwene the tenement of Iohn Croxford̃ of the one *parte* and the tenement of Roger bost * of the other *parte*: To be had̃ and to be hold̃, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid̃ Thomas Iulian and Anneys to the *terme* of xx. yere aforsaid̃, of the said̃ Abbesse and Couent and ther successours, yeldyng therof x. *shillings* at iiij. vsualt̃ *ter*mys of the yere, by even porcions, to the said̃ abbesse and Couent, and to ther successours, at the *terme* aforsaid̃. Also that they shold̃ paye yerely duryng the *terme* aforsaid̃ xiiij. d̃. of sterlyngis to the *pro*curetour of the chirch̃ of seint Marie Magdaleyn̄. And the forsaid̃ Thomas Iulian and Anneys shold̃ susteyne the said̃ mese *with* the Curtilage thurgh̃ alt̃ the *ter*me aforsaid̃, *with* ther owne costis, and amende and repaire competently the defautes in the same whan hit were nede, and leve them in al so good̃ state as þei resceived̃ them or bett*er*. And yf they bilded̃ ony of new, or made, in þe said̃ mese and curtilage, hit shold̃ abide to the said̃ abbesse and covent, and to ther successours, whan-so-eu*er* they wold̃ go away fro the seid̃ ferme. And hit shold̃ not be lawfult̃ to the said̃ Thomas Iulian and Anneys to lete the said̃ mese *with* the curtilage to ony man *with*-in the *terme* aforsaid̃. And yf hit happened̃ the said̃ Thomas Iulian and Anneys to faile in the paiyng of the said̃ rent at ony *terme*, in *parte* or in alt̃, by one monthe folowyng (that god forbede), fro that *terme* hit shold̃ be lawfult̃ to the seid̃ abbesse and couent, and to ther successours or assignes, to distreyne the said̃ Thomas Iulian and Anneys þurgh̃ alt̃ ther goodes, and to entre, take agayn̄, and to resceive for ever into ther owne hondis. And yf hit happened̃ the said̃ Thomas Iulian and Anneys to decese *with*yn the said̃ *terme*, The forsaid̃ mese *with* the Curtilage, anon aftir ther decese, shold̃ turne fully to the seid̃ abbesse and Couent. And the said̃ abbesse and couent warantiȝed̃ and defended̃ the said̃ mese, *with* the Curtilage, and *with* alt̃ ther *per*tynent*es*, to the said̃ Thomas Iulian and Anneys, or to one of them, duryng the *terme* aforsaid̃, in the fo*ur*me aforsaid̃. Into witnesse of the which̃ thyng the forsaid̃ *par*ties put to ther seales to this *pre*sent writyngis endented̃. The date at Godestowe, the day and yere abouesaid̃.

quit-rents, 10*s*. to Godstow,

and 14*d*. to St. Mary Magdalen Church, yearly.

Obligation to keep in repair.

Any additional building new put up to belong to Godstow at end of the lease.

Prohibition to sub-let.

Power to distrain or re-enter, if rent be in arrears.

Lease to terminate if lessees die before its expiry.

* leaf 111.

*** The parissh of the holy Crosse[1].** * leaf 140.

[634.] * A lettre of the person of seynt Petir in the Est of Oxenford for the reparacion of his howsis in halywelle. * leaf 154. About 1210.

THE sentence of this lettre is, that Iames Vercellence, the popis sodekon[2], person of Seynt Petir chirch in the Est of Oxenford, willed to be know to his welbeloued ladies Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, for-as-moche as ye ben hold to amende my housys in halywelle and to kepe them in the astate that ye resceived hem, with youre owne costis, I mervaile that ye take none hede to do hit, therfor I pray you hertly, and as I may I requyre yow, that ye make the houses as ye be bound to repaire and kepe, lest that I have a right cause or mater to playne, knowyng that I have yeve full power to my most dere frende hubert of Confluence, clerk, of my lord Cardenall general, to ordeyn of my forsaid chirch as he saw most expedyent, and to axe of yow the peyne, but that ye be aboute to amende that that is evel I-do by your necligence of my howses[3]. Farewele in our lord, and pray ye for me.

Demand, addressed to Godstow, by the rector of St. Peter's in the East, to have repairs done to the houses which Godstow held of his fee.

[635.] * A Charter of Petir fitz Iohn Pille of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for x. shillings of yerely rente, & cetera. * leaf 140. About 1250.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Iohn Pille of Oxon graunted & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, x. *shillings* of rente, the which his moder Agas yaf to them, in her wedowhode, to a pytaunce of the said mynchons in the day of his[4] annyuersary, that is to sey, of the lond the which William Fyssher held in the parissh of the holy crosse beside the water of Charwelle, as the charter of

Confirmation to Godstow, by Peter Pille, of a rent-charge given by his mother Agas, to provide a

[1] At this period a chapel of St. Peter's in the East. Godstow property here came chiefly from Peter, son of Torald, about 1250: no. 525; but no. 634 shows that Godstow had some property here forty years earlier.

[2] In the Latin copy: 'domini pape subdiaconus.' The 'sodekon' (subdeacon) of the English copy was expanded by Twyne to *sodekoner;* taken up by Wood from Twyne's notes; and so, from Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 388, is in a fair way of getting into dictionaries. Rev. H. E. Salter happily supplies identification and date:—*Iacobus* Guala, known as *Vercellensis* from his birth-place, cardinal-*deacon* of St. Mary in porticu, 12 April 1206; cardinal-priest of St. Martin, 31 May 1211. This is the cardinal who crowned Henry III, 28 October 1216; died at Rome, 1227. It is interesting to find a prince of the church in receipt of the revenues of an Oxford rectory, prior to John's surrender of his dominions to the Pope.

[3] See no. 636.

[4] 'his' for 'her,' as often.

pittance on her anniversary.

the forsaid' Agas his moder, the which the forsaid' mynchons have, witnessith. And that this his graunte shold' be sure, & *cetera*[1].

* leaf 141. 1271.

[636.] * A sentence I-yeve bitwene the mynchons of Godestowe and Fowke, Cordewayner, of Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

Agreement between Godstow and their tenant Fowke,

HIT is to be mynded' that, whan ther was a stryf I-meved', the Lv. yere of the reigne of kyng' henry the son*e* of kyng' Iohn, bitwene the religious ladies abbesse[2] and Couente of Godestowe of the one p*ar*te, and Fowke, Cordewayner of Oxenford', of the other p*ar*te, afore the baillifes of sir Bonon' of Clare[3], p*er*son' of the chirch of the holy crosse of Oxenford', vpon a rente of viij. d', of the tenemente of the seid' Fowke that he held' of the said' abbesse and couente[4], to be paid' to the said' s*er* Bonon' and to his successours, the which tenemente lieth bitwene the house that was of Roger Strapitoft of the one p*ar*te and the tenement of the saide Fowke of the other p*ar*te, in halywelle: by comon' frendes goyng' bitwene, the stryfe cesed' vndir this fo*ur*me, that is to sey, that the same Fowke and his heires or his assignes shold' paye to the forsaid' religious ladies and to ther successours eu*er*y yere iiij. s*hillings* iiij. d'. of silu*er* at iiij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xiij. d', at Seynt Thomas the appostle fest xiij. d', at our*e* lady in marche xiij. d', and at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist xiij. d', for all s*er*uyce, custome, exacion' and demaunde. And the said' abbesse and Couente and ther successours shold' kepe harmelesse the said' Fowke and his heires or his assignes vpon the graunte of the said' viij. d'. of rente toward' the said' p*er*son' and his successoures. Into witnesse, & *cetera*[5].

that, out of Fowke's rent of 4*s*. 4*d*.,

Godstow shall pay the quit-rent of 8*d*. due to the rectory of St. Peter's in the East.

* leaf 140. About 1290.

[637.] * A Chart*er* of Alice Georges abbesse of Godestowe I-made to Rob*er*t fitz Iohn kynge of halywelle and to molde his wyf and to moolde ther doughter for a Crofte of arable londe in halywelle parisshe.

* leaf 140, back.

*THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Alice Gorges, abbesse of Godestowe and the Covente of the same place, graunted' & *cetera*,

[1] One witness is Reginald, parson of St. Michael's North, Oxford.

[2] 'Isold, then abbess,' in the Latin.

[3] Bogo de Clare, rector of St. Peter's in the East, died 1294. The rectory was a manor by itself, and held its court for its tenants.

[4] This 8*d*. quit-rent is half of that payable under the grant to Godstow by Peter, son of Torald: no. 525.

[5] One witness is Robert Maynard, vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Oxford.

to Rob*er*t fitz Iohn kyng of halywelle and to molde his wyf and to molde ther dought*er*, al so longe as they lived, j. crofte of arable lond, I-sette in holy rode parissh of halywelle in the 4 subarbes of Oxenford, bitwene the lond[1] of seynt Iohn beside the mylle of halywelle of the one p*ar*te and the strete that is I-called Benseual[2] of the other p*ar*te: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Rob*er*t and Mawde and Mawde ther 8 dought*er*, al so longe as they lived, frely quyetly wele and in pese, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lorde of that fee dew s*er*uyce and I-woned, and to them and to ther successours viij. d. of siluer, at iiij. pryncipall and vsuell t*er*mes of the yere, 12 by even porcions. And the forsaid Alice Gorges and the Couente of the same place and ther successours warantized and defended the forsaid crofte to the fore-named Rob*er*t and to molde his wyf and to Molde ther doughter. Into witnesse, 16 & *cetera*.

Grant of lease for 3 lives, by Godstow, to Robert King, his wife and daughter, of a croft,

quit-rent, 8*d*. yearly.

[638.] A Chart*er* of Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to William Osberston, for ij. places in the subarbes of Oxenford in the fredom of Halywelle, & *cetera*.

1332, March 25.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, with one assent and consent, toke, *gra*unted, and w*ith* ther writyng lete, 20 to William Osberston of Oxenford, Barbour, ij. places in the subarbes of Oxenford in the fredom of halywelle, of the which one lieth bitwene the place of the scolers of Merton halle of the south p*ar*te and the place of maist*er* Iohn Wyldelond of the 24 north p*ar*te in brede and hit buttith hit-self in the wey that goth towarde Halywelle, and another place lieth in benesual[2], bitwene a wat*er* the which is I-called Charwelle of the Est p*ar*te and a place of William Scot of the west p*ar*te, [the[3]] which 28 place was I-woned to be somtyme of s*er* Philipp kyng, prest: To be had and to be hold, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, of them and

Lease by Godstow, to William Osberston, barber,

of land next Merton College property,

and of land near the Charwell, perhaps no. 637;

[1] In the Latin: 'terram Sancti Iohannis iuxta molendinum,' probably land of St. John Baptist's Hospital.

[2] Benseual strete = the eastern prolongation of Holywell Street, now enclosed in Magdalen College Grove; Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 387. The letters are doubtful between *n* and *u* in both places. The reading 'Beuseual' is possible in the Latin copy.

[3] MS. 'by.'

ther successours aforsaid, to the forsaid William, his heires, or his assignes, fro the day of the makyng of this present writyng vnto the terme of xl. yere next folowyng and fully I-complete, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours vj. d. at ij. termes of the yere, þat is to sey, at Mighelmasse iij. d and at the Annunciacion of oure lady iij. d, And doyng to the chief lord of that fee seruyce therof dew and I-wonyd of right. And yf hit happe that the forsaid rente of vj. d. were behynd (that god for-bede), at ony terme assigned, then hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couent, and to ther successours aforsaid, to distreyne the forsaid William and his heires thurgh all ther catell, where-so-euer they were I-founde. And the said abbesse and Couent and theire successours warantized the forsaid ij. places, with all there pertynentis, to the forsaid William and to his heires and his assignes, to the terme of xl. yere aforesaid, ayenst all mortall peple. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the fest of the Annunciacion of our lady, the v. yere of þe reigne of kyng Edwarde the thirde after the conquest.

quit-rent, 6*d*. yearly.

* leaf 141.

* The parissh of eynt Iohn.

* leaf 141, back. About 1185.

[639.] * A Charter of philippe priour of Seynt Frideswith I-made to Waryn Millere for a certayne londe in fee and heritage, & *cetera*.

Grant to Waryn miller, by St. Frideswide's priory, of land in St. John (now Merton) Street (see no. 530).

THE sentence of this Charter[1] is, that Philippe[2], priour of seynt Frideswith, and the Couente of the same place, graunted & *cetera*, to Waryne myller, into fee and heritage, to hym and to his heires, ther lond the which is in seynt Iohn strete bitwene the lond the which Alberte herte held and the lond that William Waterman held: To be I-hold of them, frely quyetly and worshipfully, yeldyng to them therof euery yere ij. *shillings* at ij. termes, that is to sey, xij. d at our lady day in marche and xij. d at Mighelmasse, for all seruyce. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Waryn yaf to them ij. *shillings*. And that this theire graunte, & *cetera*.

[1] Wigram, *Cartulary of St. Frideswide*, i. 392. [2] Philip occurs prior 1180–8.

*** The parisshe of oure lady Seynt Mary.** * leaf 111.

[1. Robert Bukthorpe's bequest.]

[640.] * A charter of Iohn fitz Raaf of seynt Martyn I-made to maister Robert Bukthorpe for that londe that is of the * fee of Seynt Marye chirche in Oxenford. * leaf 117, back. About 1188. *leaf 118.

THE sentence of this charter is that Iohn fitz Raaf of seynt Martyn graunted to maister Robert Bukthorpe and to his heires, of hym and his heires, into fe and heritage, that lond
4 that is of the fee of seynt mary chirch, the whiche is of the one parte beside the lond of Iohn [and] Benet the sones of Ailnod and of the oþer parte beside the lond of Iordan Cariour [1], with the encresyng of that parte liyng to sydelich in the endis, the which
8 he had of the behalf of Gounylde his wyf, the which the same graunted to maister Robert with the commune heire [2], as the endes ben distyncte or departed bitwene them, yeldyng therof euery yere ij. shillings, that is to sey, xij. d. in þe fest of seynt
12 martyn, and xij. d. at whitsontyde. And for this graunt he yaf to hym and to Gonylde his wyf and to peter ther son iiij. mark, of siluer. And he and his heires warantized that lond to hym and to his heires. And yf peraventure he myght not
16 warantize, he and his heires shold yelde to the forsaid maister Robert or to his heires iiij. mark. And lambart fitz Thory made hym-self borow of these thynge. Thise beyng witnesse [3], & *cetera*.

Sale to Robert Bukthorpe, by Johnson of Ralph of St. Martin and his wife, of said wife's land, held of the rectory of St. Mary's, to be held by quit-rent of 2s. Purchase-money, £2 13s. 4d.

[641.] * A Charter of maister Iohn Brideporte, person of seynt mary chirch of Oxenford, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe the lond and bildyngis that maister Robert Bridporte [4] bequethed to the forsaid mynchons in the forsaid parissh of Oxenford. * leaf 117, back. About 1189.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that maister Iohn
20 Bridporte, person of seynt mary chirch of Oxenford, for goddis

Confirmation to Godstow,

[1] In the Latin is: 'Iordani verrarii.'

[2] i. e. John's wife Gunnild and her sister, as co-heiresses, made the grant. The Latin is: 'quam eadem praedicto magistro Roberto cum communi herede concessit.'

[3] The witnesses include Roger, archdeacon of Winchester; John, 'pistor' of the archdeacon of Winchester; Adam, chaplain of St. Michael's church; Roger, illuminator.

[4] Read 'Bukthorpe.' The copyist of the English Register has confused the name of the donor with that of the assenting rector. The Latin Register has 'Bukthorpe.'

by John Bridport, rector of St. Mary's, as feudal superior, of no. 640, bequeathed by Robert Bukthorpe, subject to 2*s*. quit-rent to St. Mary's Church.

sake graunted, in the *pre*sence of the worshipfull fadir, H*ugh*[1], bisshop of lyncolne, and confermed *with* his chart*er*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther *se*ruyng god, the lond and bildyngis in Oxenford the which maister Rob*ert* Bridporte bequethed in his testament to the forsaid mynchons: To be hold for eu*er*, of seynt mary chirche, vndir a pension of ij. *shillings* to be paid in the natiuite of oure lady[2]. This lond is I-sette beside seynt mary chirche in Oxenford. And that this graunte, & *cetera*. This chart*er* was I-made in the presence of sir Philippe[3], priour of Frideswyth, and afore the chapit*er* of Oxenford, in the forsaid seynt mary chirch, the thirde day after the dedicacion of the same chirche, & *cetera*[4].

* leaf 114, back. About 1189.

[642.] * A Chart*er* of maist*er* Iohn Brideporte, p*er*son of seynt mary chirch of Oxenford, for his londe and bildyngis in Oxenforde.

Confirmation to Godstow, by the diocesan, of the rector of St. Mary's confirmation, as in no. 641. subject to 2*s*. quit-rent to St. Mary's Church.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that hugh, by the grace of god bisshop of lyncolne, willed to be know that maist*er* Iohn Bridporte, p*er*son of Seynt Mary chirch of Oxenford, graunted in his p*re*sence, and confermed *with* his chart*er* & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther *se*ruyng god, his lond and bildyngis in Oxenford, the whiche ben beside seynt Mary chirche, the which maist*er* Rob*ert* Brikthorpe bequethed in his testament to the forsaid mynchons: To be hold for eu*er* of the forsaid seynt mary chirch, vndir a pension of ij. *shillings* to be paid in the natiuite of oure lady. And, that þat was I-do in his p*re*sence myght be more sure, he confermed hit *with* his sele, & *cetera*[5].

[1] Hugh (of Avalon), bishop 1186–1200.
[2] Nativity of Mary = Sept. 8.
[3] Philip occurs prior 1180–8. Among the witnesses is Hamo, dean of Lincoln, 1189–95.
[4] See note at no. 663.
[5] The witnesses are fewer than those to no. 641, but Roger, archdeacon of Leicester; Jeffrey of Lechlade, canon of Lincoln; Richard of Swaleclive, are witnesses to both deeds.

[2. Land of John of St. Martin.]

[643.] *A Charter of Iohn fitz Raaf of seynt Martyn I-made to the myn*chons of Godestowe for his londe and Tofte. * leaf 154. * leaf 154, back. About 1200.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn fitz Raaf of seynt Martyn, with the consent of Peter his heire and of his other heires and of Gonnylde his wyf, graunted, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, into fee and heritage, his lond that lieth bitwene the lond that the forsaid chirch held of the fee of our lady[1] and his yerd: To be hold of hym and his heires, fre and quyete fro all seruyce, yeldyng to hym and to his heires of the forsaid lond, yerely vj. d. at Mighelmasse. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the ofte said chirch yaf to hym and to Petir his heire and to Gonnylde his wyf ij. marke of siluer, and he relesed iiij. mark, the which he owed to the forsaid chirch. And for-asmoche as the same Iohn and Petir his heire wold that this graunte and yifte shold be sure for euer, & *cetera*.

Sale to Godstow, by John son of Ralph of St. Martin, of land.

Quit-rent, 6*d.*

Purchase-money, £1 6*s.* 8*d.* + £2 13*s.* 4*d.*, i. e. £4.

[3. House of William the spicer.]

[644.] *A Charter of William Especer confermyng to god & *cetera* and to *the mynchons of Godestowe an howse, with all his pertynentis, in seynt marye parissh in the towne of Oxenford. * leaf 113, back. * leaf 114. 1260.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Especer yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, into pure and perpetuell almesse, for the helthe of his sowle and for the helthe of alle the sowles of his auncetours and successours, an howse[2] with all his pertynentis in the towne of Oxenford, that is to sey, in seynt marye parissh, the which he bought of maister Martyn Wyncetur, the which is I-sette bitwene the house of the abbot of Oseneye of the one parte and the howse of Agas of Oxenford of the other parte, beside the chircheyerde of the seid seynt mary chirche, the

Grant to Godstow, by William the spicer, of a house,

[1] i. e. the land given by Bukthorpe: see nos. 641 and 663.

[2] See no. 661.

to provide clothing for the nuns: subject to 4*s.* quit-rent to Oseney.

which, *with* all his *per*tynentis, he assigned to the vesture and clothyng specially of the forsaid mynchons, yeldyng therof yerely to the abbot of Oseney iiij. *shillings* at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xij. d, at Cristmas xij. d, at oure 4 lady day in marche xij. d, and at Midsomer xij. d, for all seculer demaundes that myght be asked or chalenged of the seid howses *with* all ther *per*tynentis, And the forsaid William and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid 8 howse, *with* all his *per*tynentis, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, ayenst all mortall peple, by the forsaid seruyce, as hit is seid before, for eu*er*. And that this his yifte shold be sure, & *cetera* [1]. 12

1260. **[645.] A Charter of the abbot of Oseney for iiij. *shillings* of yerely rent of the howse of maister martyn of Wynchestre in seynt mary *par*issh.**

Grant to Godstow, on petition of Ela, Countess of Warwick, of the rent-charge over no. 644,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Richard, by the mercy of god abbot of Oseneye, and the Covent of the same place, for them and ther successo*urs*, at the instaunce of the noble dame Ele, Countesse of Warwyke, ther most especiall lady, yaf 16 & *cetera* to god & *cetera* and to dame Emme abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent of the same place, a yerely rent of iiij. *shillings*, the which they were I-wonyd to take of the mese that was somtyme of maist*er* martyn of wynchestre in seynt 20 mary parissh of Oxenford that is I-sette even ayenst the said chirch of the north *par*te, and what-so-eu*er* thynge myght falle by chaunce of the said mese to them or to ther successours by ony right for eu*er*. And they and ther successours waran- 24 tized the forsaid rent to the seid chirch, abbesse, and Couent, ayenst all cristen men. And that this ther yifte, & *cetera* [2].

with its contingent rights.

[1] Witnesses include Adam Feteplace, *maior*, and Jeffrey de Hengse, *ballivus*, of Oxford, who began office at Michaelmas, 1259.

[2] Witnesses include Adam Feteplace, *maior*, and Jeffrey de Hengseye and Jeffrey Goldsmith, *ballivi*, who took office probably at Michaelmas, 1260. These Godstow documents show the occasional faultiness of the lists of mayors and bailiffs in Wood's *City of Oxford*, iii. 10, occasioned possibly by Brian Twyne or Anthony Wood assuming that the two names which came next after the mayor's name in a deed were those of the bailiffs, although it was not so stated.

[4. House in Cat Street.]

[NOTE.—We learn from pope Celestine III's confirmation (no. 902) that this house was acquired from Roger son of Sewyn, before 1192. The tradition of Cat Street, as the quarter of trades connected with books, is carried on by its east side being now occupied by the Codrington Library of All Souls College and its west side by the Radcliffe Camera of the Bodleian.]

[646.] * A covenaunt I-made bitwene Royse, abbesse of Godestowe, and Symond' Balle of Oxenford', parchementmaker, for a mese in Cattestrete in seynt mary parissh of Oxenforde. * leaf 115. About 1279.

THE sentence of this evidence is, that there was a covenaunte I-made bitwene Royse, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one *par*te, and Symond' Balle, *par*chemynt-
4 maker, of the other, *þat* is to sey, that the forsaid' abbesse and Covent toke and lete to ferme a mese w*ith* the p*er*tynentis in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford' in Cattestrete, the which mese is I-sette bitwene the lond' of Symond' Byder of the
8 one p*ar*te and the house of Thomas Balle of the other p*ar*te: To be had' and to be hold', to the seyd' Symond' and to Mold' his wyf and to ther heires al so longe as they lived', w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis and esementis, of them and ther successours, frely
12 quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours xxx. s*hillings* of yerely rent at iiij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vij. s*hillings* vj. d', at Cristmas vij. s*hillings* vj. d', at seynt marye day in marche
16 vij. s*hillings* vj. d', and at Midsomer vij. s*hillings* vj. d', for alle seculer s*er*uyce, exaccion, and demaunde; So natheles that the sayde Symond' and his wyf and his heires shold' susteyne the said' mese w*ith* the p*er*tynentis in all and eu*er*y thyng, w*ith* ther
20 owne costis, in al so good' a state or better than thei resceived' hit. And that hit shold' not be lefull to the forsaid' Symon and mold' his wyf, nother to ther heir*es*, to selle, aliene, or assigne the seid' mese, in all other in p*ar*te, in ony wyse. And yf hit happened'
24 (that god forbede), that the said' rent be not fully I-paid' by yere to them and to ther successours in the t*er*mys I-ordeyned', or that hit were ruynowse, or like to falle downe, by the which the said' rent myght not be levied' of the seid' tenem*en*t, Than hit
28 shold' be lawfull to the seid' abbesse and couent to entre the said' mese in the ende of the yere, and to resceive hit into ther*e* owne

Grant by Godstow, to Simon Ball, and heirs, of Cat Street messuage;

quit-rent, £1 10s.

Obligation to repair.

vsis and to occupie hit, *with*out ony agayn̄-saiyng of ony man or of ony women, renunsyng or forsakyng of bothe p*ar*ties for them and ther successours all̄ excepcion̄, cauellacion̄, and namely kynge*s* * p*r*ohibicion̄ and all̄ remedy of lawe by the which this p*re*sent Instrument, vndir the fo*ur*me afore I-writte, myght be lette. And þat þis covenaunt, & *cetera*[1].

* leaf 115, back.

* leaf 114. 1315, Aug. 3.

[647.] * A quyte-clayme I-made of William, Parchement maker, of Oxenforde, for a tenement in Catte strete in Oxenford.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by William Ball, of all title in no. 646.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that William Balle, p*ar*chement maker, of Oxenford, vttirly relesed and quyte-claymed for eu*er*, to moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couent of þe same place, all̄ his right and clayme þat he had, or myght have in tyme to come, in a tenement, in Cattestrete, in the towne of Oxenford, that felle to hym in the name of heritage, So that nother he, nor * his heires, ne none in ther name, shold have power to axe, or in ony wise chalenge, ony right or clayme after-ward in that tenement. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the sonday next after the fest of seynt Petir that is I-called ad vincla, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 114, back.

[Peter ad vincula = Aug. 1.]

* leaf 115, back. 1315.

[648.] * Another couenaunte I-made bitwene Moolde abbesse of Godestowe and the Covent of the same place and Stephyn̄ Bromy-yerde of Abendon, & *cetera*.

Grant by Godstow to Stephen Bromyyerd and heirs of body, of the Cat Street messuage (no. 646).

THE sentence of this is, that moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of that one p*ar*te, and Stephyn̄ Bromyyerd of Abendon̄ of that other p*ar*te, that is to sey: that the forsaid abbesse toke and lete to ferme j. mese, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford, to the said Stephyn̄ and his wyf and to his heires that come owte of hym, al so longe as they lived, the * which mese is I-sette

* leaf 116.

[1] Witnesses include Nicholas of Kyngeston, *maior*; Nicholas of Coleshull and John Sowy, *ballivi*. Also William 'ligator' (bookbinder) de Katestrete and Simon 'ligator de Katestrete.'

in the strete of Cattestrete of the said parissh, bitwene the house of Thomas Pyrye of the one parte and the tenement of the hospitall of seynt Iohn of Oxenford of the other parte: To be had and to be hold & *cetera*, for xxx. *shillings* of yerely rent, at iiij. vsid termes of the yere, for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde, savyng foreyn accion & *cetera*: and hit shold be lefull to them to distreyn the said tenement fro day to day, and to hold stille the thyngis I-distreyned, tille hit were I-satisfied in all thyngis, or to entre and to haue the agayn-holdyng of the seid tenement in the name of a fre tenement, without ony mannys agayn-saiyng, and so forth euery word as hit is I-writte above in the two couenauntis afore I-writte, & *cetera*[1].

Quit-rent, £1 10*s*.

Power of distraint.

[5. The house of the Southam family.]

[649.] *A Charter of Petir fitz Geffrey to Robert Sowtham for that lond at the corner, with all the bildyng aboue, in seynt mary parissh.

* leaf 117. About 1225.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Geffrey and Alice his wyf and henry ther son graunted, lete, and delyuered, to Robert Sowtham all ther lond at the corner[2], with all the bildyngis aboue, and with his pertynentis, in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford, to hym and to his heires: To be had and to be hold, of them and ther heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly fully and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther heires * xx *shillings* for all seruyce and exaccion, that is to sey, at Cristmasse v. *shillings*, at oure lady day in marche v. *shillings*, at Midsomer v. *shillings*, and at Mighelmasse v. *shillings*. And they and there heires warantized the forsaid lond to the forsaid Robert and to his heires ayenst all peple, men and women. And for this ther graunte & *cetera*, the forsaid Robert yaf to them xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warison. Into surenesse of the same euerych of hem sette to ther seales, & *cetera*[3].

Sale to Robert Southam, by Peter son of Jeffrey, of a corner site,

* leaf 117, back. subject to 20*s*. quit-rent.

Purchase-money, 20*s*.

[1] Witnesses include William de Burcestre, *maior*, Richard Cari and John de Bisschopiston, *ballivi*, who took office Michaelmas, 1314.

[2] Apparently of High Street and Schidyerd (now Oriel) Street: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 138.

[3] Witnesses include Warin miller, Laurence Halegod.

* leaf 111, back. 1271.

[650.] * A Charter of Thomas Sowtham I-made to Alice the doughter of hugh kyng of littelmore for an halle with a soler above and ij. seldis & *cetera* in Seynt Mary parisshe.

Grant to Alice his wife, by Thomas Southam, of life-rent in the buildings of no. 649.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas dewyd' and[1] Alice, the doughter of hugh kyng of littelmore, his wyf, the day that he wedded' her, at the chirche dore, of the halle with the soler aboue, with ij. seldis toward' the grete strete, with a litell soler in the forsaid' halle, and with a Celer vndir the grete soler toward' the strete that is I-called' Shidyard', and with an howse in the courte couered' with straw, the whiche halle is I-sette of the Est parte of the mese that Arnulphe Taillour of london toke with Anneys Riche his wyf, in the parissh of oure lady seynt Mary in Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', with the pertynentis, to the said' Alice into her fre dowery al so longe as she lyved'. Into witnesse of the whiche thynge, & *cetera*[2].

* leaf 112, back. 1289.

[651.] * A graunte and confermyng of Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf I-made to Alice Sowtham that she myght feffe dame Mabile abbesse of Godestowe in all her tenement.

Licence in mortmain, by John Weston, as feudal superior, empowering Alice Southam to convey no. 650 to Godstow, but reserving the rent-charge (as in no. 649).

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf, for charite, graunted', al so moche as in hem was, for them and ther heires, that Alice the doughtir and heire of Thomas Sowtham myght feffe dame Mabile, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the covent of the same, place of all that tenement, with the pertynentis, that is I-sette bytwene ther tenement and the kyngis strete that is I-called' Shidebarde in the parissh of seynt Mary of Oxenford', savyng to them and to there heires xx. *shillings* yerely of the forsaid' tenement at the iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse v. *shillings*, at oure lady day in march v. *shillings*, at Midsomer v. *shillings*, at Mighelmasse v. *shillings*; And the forsaid' Iohn and Isowde shold' not greve the forsaid' abbesse and covent

[1] Omit 'and'; 'dewyd' = dowered. The Latin is: 'Ego Thomas de Shuham doctavi [in error for dotavi] Aliciam ad hostium ecclesie.'

[2] Among the witnesses are Nicholas Kingston, *maior*, and John Culvert and Ely le quilter, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1270.

in no wyse by resoñ and cause of the feffyng of the forsaid tene-
ment. And yf hit happened them to falle in ony wise ayenst
ther forsaid graunte, they bounden them-selue to pay x. mark,
4 of sterlyngis into subsidie of the holy londe. Into the witnesse
of the whiche, & *cetera*[1].

Warranty to amount of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* [Subsidy of the Holy Land.]

[For the licence in mortmain by Edward I, see no. 537.]

[652.] *A Charter of Alice the doughter of Thomas Sowtham of Oxenford I-made to the chirche of Godestowe for a tenement in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford.

* leaf 111, back. 1291.

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Alice, þe doughter
of Thomas Sowtham, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the
8 mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serve for euer,
all her tenement that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of Iohn
Westoñ and þe strete that is I-called Shidward in the parissh
of seynt mary of Oxenford, with all the right and clayme that
12 she had or myght have because of heritage or of dowery of Alice
her modir: To be had *and to be hold, to the said mynchons
and to ther successours, of her and her heires or her assignes,
wele and in pease, frely quyetly and holy for ever, yeldyng therof
16 yerely to the chief lordis of that fee seruyce therof dew and
I-wonyd, for all seruyce seculer, exaccioñ, and demaunde. And
the forsaid Alice and her heires or assignes warantized ayenst
all men and women and defended for euer all the forsaid tene-
20 ment, with all right and clayme, as hit is aforsaid, to the forsaid
mynchons and to ther successours or to ther assignes. And
for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to her a
corodye of j. mynchoñ for euer in the abbey of Godestowe. And
24 & *cetera*[2].

Grant to Godstow, by Alice Southam,

* leaf 112. of the house in no. 649, 650,

in return for a corrody of the nun-class.

[653.] A charter of Richard Sowtham quyte-claymyng to the Abbesse and Covent of Godestowe for the tenement that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham.

1301, Oct. 10.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Richard Sowtham
graunted, remytted, and vttirly quyte-claymed, for hym and his

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Richard

[1] Witnesses include William le Espycer, *maior*, and Thomas de Sowy and Andrew de Pyrie, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1288.

[2] Among the witnesses are John de O, *maior*, and Robert of Wormenhall and William of Wottesdon, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who entered on office at Michaelmas, 1290.

Southam, donor's uncle, of all title in no. 652.

heires for ever, to the Religious women, abbesse and holy mynchons of the monast*er*y of Godestowe, all the right and clayme that he eu*er* had, or in ony wise myght have, in all that tenement that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham his brother in Oxenford, 4 w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis ou*er* all, as in howsis mesis shoppis and rentis and all other eysementis and rightis longyng in ony wise to the forsaid tenement, as in the chart*er* of feffem*en*t that Alise somtyme the doughtir and heire somtyme of the forsaide Thomas 8 in her lawfull power made therof to the forsaid Religious women more better and frelyer shewith and witnessith, So that nother Richard, nother his heires, ne no man for hym or by hym, myght aft*er*ward, ne wold, axe or clayme ony right or clayme in the 12 forsaid tenement, w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, as in housis mesis shoppis and rentis and other esementis and rightis in ony wise longyng to the forsaid tenement, as hit is I-seid before. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the x. day of Octobr*e*, the 16 xxix. yere of the reigne of kynge Edward the sone of kynge henry.

* leaf 117, back. 1301, Oct. 10.

[654.] * A Charter of Richard Sowtham quyteclaymyng for hym and his heiris for ever to the religious women of Godestowe all the right and clayme that he had in all that tenement of Thomas Sowtham somtyme his Brother, & *cetera*.

Duplicate of no. 653.

THE sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Richard Sowtham graunted, remytted, and vtterly quyteclaymed, for hym and his 20 heires for ever, to the religious women, abbesse and holy mynchons of Godestowe, all the right and clayme that he had eu*er*, or in ony wise myght have, in all that tenement that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham his brother, in Oxenford, w*ith* all his 24 p*er*tynentis ou*er* all, as in howsis mesis shoppis and rentis and all other eisementis and rightis longyng in ony wise to þe forsaid tenement, as hit shewith and witnessith in the chart*er* of the feffement the which somtyme Alice his wyf[1] dought*er* and 28 heire somtyme of the forsaid Thomas, in her lawfull power, made therof to the forsaid religious women best and most frely: So

[1] Omit 'his wyf.' The Latin runs: 'which Alice, daughter of said Thomas, in her own power, gave to Godstow.'

nathelesse that nother he, nother his heires, nother none for hym or by hym, shold' not, nor wold' not, afterward' axe or clayme ony right or clayme in the forsaid' tenement, *with* his *per*tynentis, as
4 in howsys mesis shoppis rentis and other eisementis and rightis in ony maner wise longyng' to the forsaid' tenement, as hit is aforesaid'. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the x. day of Octobre, in the xxix. yere of kyng'
8 Edward' the sone of kyng' henry.

[655.] * A-nother covenaunte bitwene Alice Gorges, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Symond' Bradeway and luce his wyf, for a place with the entryng', in seynt mary parissh of Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

* leaf 116, back. 130¾, Febr. 24.

THE sentence of this covenaunt is, that Alice Gorges, by the grace of god' abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent' of the same place, graunted' and toke to Symond' [of[1]] Brade-way and to luce
12 his wyf, j. place, *with* the entryng', [in[1] Schidȝerde], the which is in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford', bitwene ther tenement of the one *par*te and the tenement of Iohn Weston of the o*per* *par*te, in the hye strete beside shideyerd': To be had' and to be hold',
16 *with* all his *per*tynentis and eysementis, to the forsaid' Symond' and Margery his wyf, to the *ter*me of ther lyf, or of the one of them the which ou*er*-liveth, frely quyetly wele and in pease: So nathelesse that the forsaid' Symond' and luce, or the one of
20 them that ou*er*liveth, shold' lifte vp and make a chamber of stonys in the same place, of the sowthe *par*te, *with* ther owne costis, *with*-in the yere of this *pre*sent resceivyng', conteynyng' in length xiiij. fote and in brede x. fote *with*yn the
24 walles, other lenger or broder as hit semyth to hym best; also *with* the reparacion of a stony welle[2] and the clensyng', in the same place, *with*out destroiyng' of the same chambre or movynge away to be do in ony wise. And yf hit happened' that the
28 forsaid' Symond' and luce did' not leuy or aroise and made the forsaid' chambre nor clense the welle, *with*-in the yere, as hit is I-said' before, hit shold' be lawfull to them to entre agayn the forsaid' place *with* the entryng', by ther baillifis, and to holde
32 hit agayn as ther owne fre tenement, *with*out lettyng' or agayn-

Life-rent by Godstow, to Simon Bradeway, of premises as in no. 652,

under covenant to erect a building of stone,

and repair a well,

new building to be left at end of lease.

[1] Added from the Latin.

Latin: 'fontis lapidei.'

saiyng of the forsaid' Symond' and luce, yeldyng therof yerely to
Rent, 2s. 8d. them and to ther successours ij. *shillings* viij. d'. at iiij. vsuall
*ter*mes of the yere. Natheles, sauyng power, to them and to
Powers of distraint. ther successours, to distreyne in the forsaid' tenement for the 4
forsaid' rent yf hit were nede, and to hold' hit agayn at ther
owne wille, tille hit were satisfied' to them of the forsaid' rent.
And the forsaid' Alice Gorges and the Couent of the same place
and ther successours warantized' aquyted' and defended' all the 8
forsaid' place, *with* the forsaid' stony walle and the said' entryng,
with all his p*er*tynentis and eysementis, to the forsaid' Symond'
and luce to the *ter*me of ther lyf, as hit is I-said' afore, ayenst
all peple. Into witnes, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the 12
[Matthias = Febr. 24.] day of seynt mathie the appostle, the xxxij. yere of the reigne
of kynge Edwarde.

* leaf 116. 1323, Aug. 1.

[656.] * A chart*er* of a place in the parissh of our lady seynt marye of Oxenford', I-made to Raaf Sewkeworth, Iohane his wyf, and vnto Iohn his sonne, & *cetera*.

Lease for 3 lives by Godstow, to Ralph of Sewkeworth, his wife and son, of premises as in no. 655,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that margerye Dyne, by the
grace of god' abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same 16
place, *with* one consent and assent of ther chapit*er*, yaf & *cetera*
to Raaf Sewkeworth, herbare, of Oxenford', Iohane his wyf, and
to Iohn ther son*e*, j. place liyng in seynt mary parissh of Oxen-
ford', *with* the entryng longyng to the same, bitwene ther tene- 20
ment of the Est p*ar*te and the tenement of Isowde the which
was the wyf of Iohn Weston of the west p*ar*te: To be had' and
to be hold', to the seid' Raaf Iohane and Iohn, al so longe as they
lived', or [to] the one of them [that longest] lived', of them and ther 24
quit-rent, 6s. 8d. successours, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours
vj. *shillings* viij. d', at iiij. pryncipall and vsuall t*er*mes, for all
seculer s*er*uyce, exaccion, and demaund'. And so forth, word'
by word', as hit is I-writte in the couenaunt next aboue, 28
with the warantizyng aquytyng and defendyng, for the which
he yaf a certayn su*m*me of money afore-handis, & *cetera*.

[Peter ad vincula = Aug. 1.] The date at Godestowe, the monday in the fest of seynt Petir
that is I-called Ad vincla, the yere of our lord' a M^l^.ccc.xxiij. 32

[6. Rent-charge over the house of the Southams.]

[657.] * A Charter of Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf of xx. *shillings* of yerely rent to sir Odo, Chapelayn of Godestowe. * leaf 112. About 129$\frac{2}{1}$.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf yaf, & *cetera*, to sir Odo, I-called Chapeleyn of Godestowe, xx. *shillings* of yerely rent of all that tenement that is I-sette bitwene ther houses of the west parte and the strete that is I-called Shideward of the Est parte, in the parissh of the chirche of seynt mary of Oxenford, Also with all the right and clayme that myght happe to them or to ther heiris of all the forsaid tenement: To be had and to be hold, with all other pertynentis, of them and ther heires or ther assignes, to the said Odo and his heires or his assignes, bothe religious and other, frely, quyetly, pesibly, and holy, for ever. And the said Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf, and his heires or assignes, warantized ayenst all *men and women, and aquyted, and defended for euer, the forsaid xx. *shillings* of yerely rent, with all other pertynentis, as hit is aforsaid, to the forsaid Odo, his heires, or his assignes, Religious and other. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said Odo yaf to them xx. mark, of sterlyngis aforehandis. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[1].

Sale to Odo, chaplain, by John Weston, of the rent-charge as in no. 649 and no. 651, with the contingent rights carried by it.

* leaf 112, back.

Purchase-money, £13 6*s.* 8*d.*

[658.] A charter obligatory bitwene Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf and Odo, Chapeleyn of Godestowe, for xx. *shillings* of yerely rent of the house that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham in seynt Mary parisshe of Oxenford. 129$\frac{2}{1}$, March 21.

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf yaf & *cetera* to Odo, Chapeleyn of Godestowe, and to his heires or his assignes all, xx. *shillings* of yerely rent, of a tenement in the parissh of seynt Mary of Oxenford comyng, the which tenement Thomas Sowtham held somtyme in the same parissh, as the charter of the said Odo the which he had of them therof fully conteyneth; willyng, to the same Odo and to his

Grant to Odo, chaplain, by John Weston, of security for giving him possession of the rent-charge as in no. 657.

[1] Witnesses as in no. 652.

heires or to his assignes all, to make more surete of the forsaid xx. *shillings* of yerely [rent] comyng forth of the forsaid tenement, bonde all ther tenementis in the parissh of the holy crosse in the subarbis of Oxenford, to the same Odo and to his heires or to his assignes all, to the warantizyng of the said xx. *shillings* of yerely rent, the which tenement he had of the yifte of Emme that was the wyf of henry myller; Also *with* all ther tenement in the parissh of seynt myghell the sowth, vpon graunte pownte[1], the which tenement they had of the yifte of Alice the which was the wyf of Roger Webbe, tille that a fynall concorde were fully levyed bitwene them and the said Odo and his heires or his assignes all, in the kyngis * Courte, of the forsaid xx. *shillings* of yerely rent, of the forsaid tenement comyng forthe, in the parissh of oure lady seynt mary in Oxenford, and delyu*er*ed to the said Odo and his heires or his assignes alle, to the which fyne trewly to be levied they were I-constreyned by the trouthe. And whan the fynall concorde was I-levied fully or plenarly, in the kyngis courte, bitwene them and the said Odo and his heires or his assignes all, this p*re*sent obligacion shold be had for naught. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford, the Friday next afore the Annu*n*ciaciou*n* of our lady, the xix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward[2].

* leaf 113.

[For the licence in Mortmain by Edward I, see no. 537.]

1294, Nov. 11.

[659.] A Chart*er* of lore hakynton, prioresse of the chirche of Godestowe, I-made to dame Mabyle Wafre, Abbesse of Godestowe, for xx. s*hillings* of yerely rente in Oxenforde.

Sale by Godstow, to Mabel Wafre, abbess, of the rent-charge in no. 657,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that lore hakynton, prioresse of the Chirche of godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, graunted, by the assent of all the chapit*er*, and w*ith* this p*re*sent writyng confermed, to dame Mabyle Wafre, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe aforesaid, xx. *shillings* of siluer of yerely rent comyng forth in Oxenford of a tenement somtyme I-called

[1] Grandpont in ancient times meant the whole causeway from the *old* South Gate of Oxford to South Hincksey hill. The part of it on which houses then stood is now that part of St. Aldate's Street which extends from the south-west corner of Christ Church to Folly Bridge.

[2] The Latin copy has 'the son of kyng Henry,' which is correct.

of Thomas Sowtham, I-bought somtyme * *with* xx. mark, *with* owne *per*quysitis and getyngis of the above-seid abbesse, to her nede and *pro*fite, And hit is I-sette beside Shideyerde, bitwene the tenement of Iohn Weston of the one *par*te and Shideyerde of the other: To be take, all and eu*er*y yere, to the pytaunce of the Couent, in the Anniu*er*sary day of the forsaid dame Mabile ther abbesse, of them and also of all ther successours for ever. Into witnesse of the which thynge, they accorded their *com*mune seale to be put to this *pre*sent lettres. The date at Godestowe, the yere of our lord a thousand ij. hundred and nyntee and foure, in the Fest of Seynt Martyn in Wynter.

* leaf 113, back.

purchase-money, £13 16*s.* 8*d.*,

to endow a pittance on her anniversary.

[660.] Another char*ter* ordeynyng the forsaid rent to be disposed.

1297, Oct. 28.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that Sustir Alice Gorges, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the same place, ordeyned and graunted to dame Mabyle Wafre, late Abbesse of the same place, j. place of lond in the towne of Oxenford, in the strete that is I-called shideyerde, to howsis to be made of new *with* ther owne costis, which place was somtyme of Alice Sowtham, and lieth bitwene ther tenementis the which somtyme were of the forsaid Alice Sowtham of bothe *par*ties, And the forsaid place conteynyth in length thre perchis and ij. in brede:

In place of the rent-charge given in no. 659, Godstow now granted to Mabel Wafre, for her life-term, houses to be new-built on part of the site,

so (that is to sey) that there shold be paid j. mark of siluer, First and pryncipally, of the rent of the forsaid howsis, at the fest of seynt Margarete the virgyne, in the forsaid place, by the forsaid dame Mabyle, I-made to the forsaid Couent, eu*er*y yere, afore that ony thynge of the for-said rent shold be turned into other vsis, *with*out lessenyng; And the residue of the rent that she myght take shold abide hole to dame Mabile to all her lyf of hit, to be disposed after her wille;

from the rent of which 13*s.* 4*d.* was to be paid every year for the better observance of St. Margaret's day (July 20);

And after the dethe of the forsaid dame Mabile, all the residue of the for-said rent (that mark of siluer first I-deduced or I-take out, to be paid to the Covent at the fest of seynt Margarete the virgyn) shold be paid fully to the Covent aforsaid in her anniu*er*sary day, as hit is aforesaid. And that the fest of seynt Margarete myght be the more solempnyer*e* and the more devoutly be halowed and honoured, dame lore, prioresse of the

after dame Mabel's death the annual surplus of the rent should be spent for her anniversary, as in no. 659.

Laura Hakynton, prioress of Godstow, gave £6 13*s*. 4*d*. as a contribution to the new building.

same place, yaf x. mark̃, a convenyent porcion̄, to the forsaid housis to be made, for the forsaid mark̃ more diligently to be I-yeve to the Covent at the forsaid fest. And that this ordeynyng and ther grauntyng shold have strength for eu*er*, and 4 surenesse, for them and ther successours, So that they, nother their successours, ne none for them or by them, shold not have power to dispose or ordeyne ony thynge ayenst this ordeynyng or grauntyng, they put to this p*r*esent writyng ther co*m*mune 8 seale. The date at Godestowe, the monday next afore the fest of Alhalowen, The xxv. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde.

[7. Leases by Godstow of house[1] facing St. Mary's church from the north.]

* leaf 115, back. About 1279.

[661.] * A covenaunt I-made bitwene Royse, abbesse of Godestowe, and Iohn Stanys, bynder, of Oxenford, for a mese that he toke to ferme in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford.

Grant by Godstow, to John Stanes, bookbinder, of a messuage,

THE sentence of this is, that ther was a conuencion I-made bitwene Royse, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the 12 same place of the one p*ar*te, and Iohn Stanys, bynder, of Oxenford, of the other: that is to sey, that the forsaid abbesse and covent toke to ferme and remytted one mese, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford, in the next strete to the 16 chirch of our lady in the north p*ar*te, the which mese is I-sette bitwene the abbot of Oseneys howse the which was I-called somtyme the halle[2] of pylate of the one p*ar*te and the house of Will*ia*m Bretham of the other p*ar*te: To be had and to be hold, 20 to the seid Iohn and to Moolde his wyf and to his heires lawfully begote of their bodies, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis and eysementis, of them and ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours viij. 24 s*hillings* of yerely rent at iiij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ij. s*hillings*, at Cristmasse ij. s*hillings*, at our*e*

quit-rent, 8*s*.

[1] William the spicer's, as in no. 644, William Bretham now holding (by 3*s*. quit-rent to Oseney) the next house (to the east), formerly Agatha's of Oxon. This house of Godstow was long an academical hall, and Wood (*City of Oxford*, i. 99) conjecturally names it Godstow Hall.

[2] John Pilet's hall (had one front towards Schools Lane: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 91). This is the abbot of Oseney's house of no. 644.

lady day in marche ij. *shillings*, and at Midsomer ij. *shillings*, for all seculere *ser*uyce, exaccion̄, and demaunde: So natheles that the forsaid Iohn and his wyf and his heires lawfully
4 I-begote of ther bodies [the[1] said messuage], *with* alle his *per*tynentis in all and in eu*er*ych[2], (And they) shold susteyne (the seid mese), *with* ther owne costis, in al so good state or bett*er* than they resceived hit. And hit shold not be lawfull to the
8 said Iohn and moolde his wyf, nother to ther heires lawfully I-be-gote of ther bodies, to selle, aliene, or assigne the said mese, nother in all nother in p*ar*te. And yf hit happened, that god forbede, that the said rent were not fully I-paid to them by
12 yere (and to ther successours) in tymys I-sette, or that hit were ruynowse or fallyng downe, by the which the said rent myght not be levyed of the said tenement, hit shold be lawfull to the said abbesse and Couent to entre the said mese in the ende
16 of the yere, and to take hit into ther owne vsys, and to occupie hit, w*ith*out ony agayn̄-saiyng of ony man or woman, & *cetera*.

Obligation to repair.

Prohibition to sub-let.

Power of re-entry.

[662.] * Another covenaunte bitwene moold, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couent of the same place, and William Pothou*n* and margery his wyf, the which had the kepyng of Iohane the doughtir of Alice Stanes, w*ith* a mese and the p*er*tynentis in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford.

*** leaf 116. 1307, Sept. 29.**

The which mese is I-sette even ayenst[3] the chanell of seynt mary chirche-yerde in the north p*ar*te: To be had and to be
20 hold, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, vnto the full age of the forsaid Iohane or to the t*er*me of x. yere, yeldyng therof by yere to the forsaid abbesse and Couent viij. *shillings* of yerely rent at iiij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings*,
24 at Cristmasse ij. *shillings*, at our lady day in marche ij. *shillings*, and at mydsomer ij. *shillings*, for all seruyce, exaccion̄, and demaunde: So þat þe forsaid william and margerye shold* fynde the forsaid Iohane resonable susteynyng, and shold hold vp the
28 same mese w*ith* ther owne costis in al so good state or better than they resceived hit. And forthe hit folowith, worde by

Lease by Godstow, to William Pothoun, of the messuage as in no. 661,

* leaf 116, back. with guardianship of Joan Stanes.

[1] Added from the Latin.
[2] The translator has lost his place. Omit 'And they,' and 'the seid mese.'
[3] The Latin is: 'ex opposito stanulle cimiterii.'

worde, as in other covenauntis afore I-writte. And for this letyng and takyng the said william and margery paid before handis vj. *shillings* viij. d. Into witnesse & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the day of seynt Michell, the first yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the son of kynge Edward[1].

[8. Lease of a garden-ground west of St. Mary's church.]

1369, Sept. 14.

[663.] An endenture bitwene Anneys, abbesse of Godestowe, and Nicholas Garlond for a gardeyn in seynt marye parissh of Oxenford.

* leaf 117. Lease for 3 lives, by Godstow, to Nicholas Garlond and others, of a garden,

* THIS endenture that was I-made bitwene Anneys, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one *par*te, and Nicholas Garlond, Iulian his wyf, and henry Bilborough, of the other *par*te, witnesseth that the forsaid abbesse and Couent, w*ith* one assent and consent, graunted lete and toke to the forsaid Nicholas, Iulian, and henry, a gardeyn in seynt marye parissh of Oxenford, I-sette bitwene the tenement of the abbot and Couent of Oseney of the north *par*te and west, and the tenement of the hospitall of seynt Iohn of the sowthe *par*te, and seynt mary chirch-yerd aforsaid of the Est *par*te: to be had and to be hold, w*ith* fre entryng and goyng out by a dore beside the forsaid tenement of the hospitall of seynt Iohn, w*ith* all other *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Nicholas Iulian and henry, to the *ter*me of ther lyf and of one of them lengest livyng, of the chief lordis of that fee by service dew therof and I-wonyd of right, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaid abbesse and Couent and to ther successours or to ther *pro*curatour vj. *shillings* viij. d at iiij. principall and vsuall *ter*mes in even porcions. And yf the forsaid rent were behynd, in *par*te or in all, aft*er* ony *ter*me by a monthe, than hit shold be wele lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couent, and to ther successours, or to ther *pro*curatour, to distreyne in all the tenement of the forsaid Nicholas Iulian and henry, and to reteyne the distreynyngis, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to them of the rent so behynde. And the forsaid Nicholas Iulian and henry shold susteyne amende and repaire alle and eu*er*ych walles and closyngis rounde aboute the gardeyn aforsaid longyng to the forsaid abbesse and Couent, duryng ther

quit-rent, 6*s*. 8*d*.,

under obligation to repair the fences,

[1] Among witnesses are Thomas le lumenour, William le Bokbindere.

lyf or of ony of them, al so ofte as hit were nede, *with* ther owne costis, as hit is put before. And hit shold' not be lawfull to the seid' Nicholas Iulian and henry, noþ*er* to none of them, to graunte or to lete to ony man or ony men the forsaid' gardeyn, *with* the *per*tynentis, ne none p*ar*te of hit, to ferme, or to the *ter*me of ther yeres duryng ther lyf or of one of them, *with*-out speciall wille of the forsaid' abbesse and Couent and the successours of the same. And the forsaid' abbesse and Couent and ther successours warantiȝed' aquyted' and defended' the forsaid' gardyn, *with* fre entryng and goyng owt, and *with* all other p*er*tynentis, in the fo*ur*me aboue I-noted', to the forsaid' Nicholas Iulian and henry, to the *ter*me of ther lyf, or of one of them lengest livyng, ayenst all peple, by this p*re*sent writyngis. These beyng witnesse & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford', in the fest of the Exaltaciou*n* of the holy crosse, the xliij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward' the third' af*ter* þe conquest.

and covenant not to sub-let.

[Exaltation of Cross, Sept. 14.]

[NOTE.—This deed is of some interest, as showing the existence in the very heart of Oxford of vacant ground extensive enough to be taken on long lease for purposes of a garden. This suggests that in the fourteenth and earlier centuries Oxford was by no means so densely housed as our seventeenth century antiquaries have assumed. The ground in question is the Bukthorpe land, as in no. 640, increased by fitz Raaf's, no. 643. It was bounded on the south by the house of *Iordanus verrarius*, which belonged to St. John Baptist's Hospital, and is represented by the Principal of Brasenose's new house: on the north by the tenement of John and Benet which was owned by Oseney, and called Little St. Edmund's Hall (Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 85).]

* The parissh of marye magdaleyn.

* leaf 123.

[1. Rent-charges on a house *in vico de Bellomonte*.]

[664.] A Charter of henry fitz Roger Milon I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. marke of yerely rente.

About 1250.

* THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that henry, fitz Roger Mylon of Oxenford', yaf & *cetera*, to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, one marke of rent of siluer yerely to be resceived' by his handis and his heires, at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, of one mese, *with* the p*er*tynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond' of hugh mortone[1] of the one p*ar*te and the lond' of Roger fitz Milone of the other

* leaf 123, back.

Sale to Godstow, by Henry son of Roger son of Milo, of a rent-

[1] Probably a slip for 'Meriton.'

charge of 13*s.* 4*d.*

parte, in marie mawdeleyn̄ parissh̄, w*ith*oute Smythgate, in Bewmounte strete[1], that is to sey, at the fest of Alhalewyn̄ half a marke, and at hokeday[2] half a marke: To be had̄ and to be hold̄, of hym and his heires for eu*er*, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. ob*olus* at Ester for all̄ seruyce, custome, and demaunde: he graunted̄ also to the seid̄ abbesse and mynchons fre power̄ to distreyne hym and his heires by the same tenement and his other tenementis in the towne and subarbis of Oxenford̄ to the paiyng of the said̄ marke, yf hit were nede. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said̄ abbesse yaf to hym viij. marke of siluer and an half in warison̄. And the forsaid̄ henry and his heires warantized̄ the forsaid̄ marke (and[3] j. half) to the forsaid̄ abbesse and Couent and to ther successours ayenst all̄ men and women. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

quit-rent, ½*d.*

Purchase-money, £5 6*s.* 8*d.*

About 1280.

[665.] A quyte-clayme of Roger Somer*e* I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe for xviij. d̄. of yerely rente.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Roger Semer,

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Roger Somer[4] relesed̄, and quyte-claymed̄, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther s*er*uyng god, for hym and his heires or his assignes, all̄ the right and clayme that he had̄, or myght have, in xviij. d̄. of yerely rente, w*ith* the p*er*tynente*s*, of j. house, the whiche is I-sette bitwene the lond̄ that was of hugh̄ merytoñ of the one p*ar*te and the lond̄ that was of Roger Mylone of the other p*ar*te, in Magdaleyn̄ parissh̄, w*ith*out the Smythgate, in Bewmounte strete: To be had̄ and to be holde, w*ith* his bildyngis and all his other p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid̄ mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for ever: So that nother he, nother his heires, or his assignes, never afterward̄ shold̄ have power to axe ony right or clayme in the forsaid̄ xviij. d̄. of yerely rente, of the forsaid̄ mese, with his p*er*tynentis. And for-asmoche that he willed̄ this his quyte-claymyng, & *cetera*[5].

of a rent-charge of 1*s.* 6*d.*

apparently over same messuage as no. 664.

[1] Now Park Street, in front of Wadham College.

[2] Hockday is second Tuesday after Easter.

[3] Omit 'and j. half.' The Latin is: 'predictam marcam redditus argenti.'

[4] 'Semer,' in the Latin copy.

[5] One witness is 'William, vicar of Duninton (i. e. Dinton), then custos of Godestowe.'

[2. Properties acquired from the Saucer family, on the north side of the modern Broad Street.]

[666.] * A Charter of henry fitz Geffrey of Brackeley I-made to William fitz Gerard for a selde in Oxenford with-out the north yate in the strete that is I-called horsemongerstrete. * leaf 125. About 1240.

* THE sentence of this charter is, that henry fitz Geffrey of Brackley yaf & *cetera* to William fitz Gerard one selde of Oxenford without the north gate, in the strete that is I-called horse-
4 mongerstrete, I-sette bitwene the tyled house of Isabell the heire[1] norensi and the ovyn of the same Isabell, that is to sey, whos dore is opened to the hye weye: To be had and to be holde, to hym and his heires or his assignes, into pure and
8 perpetuel almesse, yeldyng therof yerely to Adam Payne xij. d. for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and querele, and demaunde, and help, at these termes, that is to sey, at the Annunciacion of our lady vj. d. and in the fest of myghelmasse vj. d. And he and
12 his successours warantized the forsaid tenement to the said William and to his successours, the forsaid selde, with the pertynentis. And for this yifte the said William shold paie to hym or to his assignes yerely a paire of gloves at Cristmasse,
16 & *cetera*.

* leaf 125, back. Grant to William son of Gerard, by Henry of Brackley, of a seld, quit-rents, 1s. to the chief lord, a pair of gloves to the mesne lord.

[667.] * A charter of William fitz Gerard and of Henry fitz Geffrey of Brakley * I-made to Geffrey Turton for a selde of vij. elnys [and j. half] and iiij. vnchis in lengthe and v. elnys and j. quarter and ij. Inchis in brede. * leaf 124, back. * leaf 125. About 1240.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Gerard and henry fitz Geffrey of Brakley yaf & *cetera* to Geffrey Turton a selde of vij. elnys and half and iiij. Inchis[2] in lengthe, and
20 v. elnys and a quarter and ij. Inchis[2] in brede, I-sette vndir a soler that was somtyme of henry Griffyn, that is to sey, that selde that lieth bitwene the lond of Walter Florence of the one parte, in the parissh of marye magdaleyn without the north yate

Sale to Jeffrey Turton, by William son of Gerard, &c., of a seld, 28½ feet × 20 feet,

[1] The translator has dropped 'of Walter' here. The Latin is: 'domum tegulatam Hysabel heredis Walteri norensi et furnum.'

[2] 'Thumbs' in the Latin: p. 435, note 1.

in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to hym and to his heires or his assignes, frely and quyetly, holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to william hallemulle or to his heires or assignes j. d. at Cristmasse, for all seruyce seculer, and demaunde, Savyng the rente of the chief lord, that is to sey xij. d at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at seynt marye day in marche vj. d and at Mighelmasse vj. d. And the forsaid william and the forsaide henry and his heires or assignes warantiȝed the said selde, with the pertynentis, to the forsaid Geffrey and his heires or assignes ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Geffrey yaf to them xxiiij. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warison. And that ther yifte, & *cetera*.

subject to quit-rents, 1*d*. to the mesne lord, 1*s*. to the chief lord.

Purchase-money, £1 4*s*.

* leaf 125. About 1260.

[668.] * A Charter of Richard Budde I-made to William Sauser for vj. *shillings* of yerely rente.

Sale to William sauser, by Richard Budde, of a rent-charge of 6*s*.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Budde yaf & *cetera* to William Sauser vj. *shillings* of yerely rente, to be take, at iiij. termes of the yere, of that lond, with alle his pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond that was of Symon fitz Benet and the lond of William Scrip of the other parte, in marye mawdeleyn parissh without the north yate in the subarbis of Oxenford, that is to sey, at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist xviij. d, and at Mighelmasse xviij. d, and at Cristmasse xviij. d, and at our lady day in marche xviij. d: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to hym and to his heires, or to whom-so-euer he wolde yeve bequeth selle or assigne hit, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one clowe-gelofre at Estir for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde. And the said Richard and his heires or his assignes warantiȝed aquyted and defended the said vj. *shillings* of rente of all the said lond, with the pertynentis, to the said William and his heires and his assignes ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the seid William yaf to hym xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warison. And by case hit happen that the seid rent be not I-paid in termes I-ordeyned, the seid William and his heires or his assignes shold have fre entryng

Quit-rent, a clove.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £2.

and goyng out to distreyne in all the said londe, *with* the *per*tynentis, tille they had resceived ther rente. And [that] this his yift, & *cetera*.

[669.] * A Charter of hugh fitz Rob*er*t of merston and Denyse his wyf I-made to mathew fitz Andrew of Wolgarecote for a mese in horsemongerstrete in seynt marye mawdeleyn parisshe. * leaf 124, back. About 1230.

4 THE sentence of this charter is, that hugh fitz Rob*er*t of merston, *with* the consent and assent of Denyse his wyf, lete and delyuered, and *with* his chart*er* confermed, to Mathew fitz Andrew of Wolgarecote a mese in horsemongerstrete, that is to 8 sey, bitwene the lond of Symon Reer [1] of the one p*ar*te and the lond of Roger Waterman of the other p*ar*te: to be holde and to be had, of them and ther heires, to hym and to his heires, frely quyetly worshipfully and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to 12 hym and to his heires, for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde, vj. d, that is to sey, at seynt martyn fest. And the forsaid hugh and his heires warantized and defended the forsaid mese to the forsaid Mathew and his heires ayenst all men and women. 16 And for this letyng, delyu*er*yng, confermyng, warantizyng, and defendyng, the forsaid mathew yaf to hym x. s*hillings* before-handes. And yf by chaunce hit happened that hugh or his wyf or his heires myght not warantize and defende in ony cawse the 20 forsaid mese to the forsaid Mathew and to his heires, Hugh and his heires shold make an eschaunge (to þe said Mathew or to his heires) of the said mese, in the towne of m*er*ston, of the londe longyng to hym there, to the valew of the said mese, aft*er* the 24 estymacion of good men. And that all thise aforsaid thynges, & *cetera*.

Sale to Hugh of Marston, by Matthew of Wolvercote, of a messuage, quit-rent, 6*d*. Purchase-money, 10*s*. Warranty clause.

[670.] A Charter of henry fitz Raaf of Farendon and of Pernell and Denyse the doughtirs of Iohn Dien confermyng into fre mariage w*ith* Denyse ther nyce to hugh Cindatori a mese in horsemongerstrete of Oxenforde. About 1250.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that henry fitz Raaf of Farendon, and Pernell and denyse, the doughters of Iohn Dien [2],

Grant to Hugh Cindatori, by

[1] Probably a slip for 'wheler': see no. 670.

[2] 'Dreu' in the Latin.

Henry of Faringdon and others, of a messuage (no. 669), as 'free marriage,' and entailed, subject to a quit-rent to St. Mary Magdalene Church.

yaf, & *cetera*, into free mariage, *with* Denyse ther nece, to hugh Cyndatori, a mese in horsemongerstrete, that is to sey, that mese that lieth bitwene þe mese of Symon Wheler and Roger Waterman: To be had and to be hold, of them and ther heires, to hym and to his heires the which [he] had I-gote of the said denyse, frely quyetly pesibly and *with*-out ony exaccion, yeldyng therof yerely to the chirche of seynt marie mawdeleyn iiij. d. at the fest of seynt martyn, and j. d. to the forsaid henry and pernell and denyse or to ther heires, for all seruyce and seculer demaunde. And they aforsaid and ther heires warantized the said mese to the said hugh, and to his heires I-begote of the said denyse, ayenst alle men and women. And for-asmoch as they wold that this yifte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 123, back. About 1270. Sale to Jeffrey sauser, by Ralph Godeknave,

of a messuage,

[671.] * A Charter of Raaf Godeknave I-made to Geffrey Sawser for a mese with his partynentis, & *cetera*.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Godeknave yaf & *cetera* to Geffrey Sauser a mese *with* the pertynentis, that is to sey, þat mese that lieth bitwene the lond that was of william holond and the londe of henry fitz wydon of the other parte, in seynt marie mawdeleyn parissh *with*out the northe yate in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, of hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, frely and quyetly, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes j. d. at Ester for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde, Savynge * the chief rente of the lord of that fee, that is to sey, to the abbesse of Godestowe at Cristmasse iij. *shillings* iiij. d. and at Midsomer iij. *shillings* iiij. d. And Raaf and his heires warantized the forsaid mese, *with* his pertynentis, to the seid Geffrey and to his heires or to his assignes ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the seid Geffrey yaf to hym iiij. mark, of sterlyngis in-to warison. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

quit-rents, 1*d.* to the * leaf 124. mesne lord, and 6*s.* 8*d.* to Godstow, the chief lord.

Purchase-money, £2 13*s.* 4*d.*

* leaf 126. About 1280.

[672.] * A Charter of Geffrey Sauser I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe for iij. seldis vndir the soler of Roger Sauser, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Jeffrey

THE sentence of this charter is, that Geffrey Sauser, & *cetera*, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Gode-

stowe, iij. seldes vndir a soler of Roger Sauser, the which lye bitwene the londe that was of Geffrey Sturdy of the one *parte* and the entryng of the house of Roger Sauser of the other *parte*, in seynt marye mawdeleyn̄ parissh *with*out the north yate in the subarbis of Oxenford; Also *with* vj. *shillings* of yerely rente, to be take, at iiij. pryncipall *ter*mes of the yere, of the yifte[1] of * Richard Bodde, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, the whiche lieth bitwene the house of henry Gamage of the one *parte* and the house that was of Symon̄ fitz Benet of þe other *parte*, in the same parissh: To be had and to be hold, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, into pure and *per*petuell almesse for ever, frely and quyetly, holy wele and in pease, of the said Geffrey and his heires or his assignes. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

sauser, of 3 selds (probably including nos. 666, and 667), and of the rent-charge in no. 668.

* leaf 126, back.

[3. Land acquired from Randall of Brill.]

[673.] * A chart*er* of Ranulph Bruhull I-made to the abbesse of Godestowe for a lond *with* the *per*tynentis in seynt marye magdaleyn̄ parissh of Oxenforde in horsemongerstrete[2].

* leaf 124. About 1260.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Ranulphe Bruhull yaf, & *cetera*, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent of the same place, all that londe, *with* all the *per*tynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond of henry Carpenter of the one *parte* and the lond of William Smale of the other *parte*, in seynt marie mawdaleyn̄ parissh *with*oute the northe gate, in horsemongerstrete: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said abbesse and Couent of the same place for eu*er*, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. ob*olus* at Ester, for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde, Savyng the *se*ruyce of the chief lord of that fee, that is to sey, iiij. d at Martyn masse. And the forsaid Ranulph and his heires or his assignes warantized and defended all the forsaid lond, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid abbesse of Godestowe and to þe covent of the same place, ayenst all men and

Sale to Godstow, by Randall of Brill, of land,

quit-rents, ½*d*. to the mesne lord, 4*d*. to the chief lord.

[1] In error for 'house.' The translator has mis-read the Latin 'de domo' as 'de dono.'
[2] Now Broad Street.

Purchase-money, £3 6*s.* 8*d.*

women, cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid abbesse and Couent yaf to hym v. marke of sterlyngis afore-handes. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

[4. Rent-charge acquired from William of Brackley.]

About 1290.

[674.] * **A quyte-clayme of William Brakley and Alice his wyf for xij. d of yerely rente of a Celer in horsemongerstrete in the subarbis of Oxenforde.**

Sale to Godstow, by William of Brackley,

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that William Brakley 4 and Alice his wyf, *with* one consente and ther owne good wille, lette, graunted, and vttirly quyte-claymed, for them and ther heires, to Mable Wafre, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Covent of the same place and to ther successours, all the right 8

of a quit-rent of 1*s.*

and clayme that they had, or in ony wise myght have, in xij. d. of yerely rente, the which they were wonyd to resceive for that Celer that is I-sette in horsemongerstrete, bitwene the entryng of Iohn Enysham of the west *parte* and the lond of Walter 12 Feteplace of the Est *parte*, in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be holde, the said xij. d. of yerely rente, to the forsaid abbesse and Couent and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease for ever: So that nother they (William and Alice), 16 nother none of there heires, nother none by them or for them, myght further axe ony right or clayme in the said xij. d. of yerely rente. And for þis * letyng, graunte, and quyte-clayme, the said abbesse and Couent yaf to them ij. marke of sterlyngis 20 before-handes. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 124, back. Purchase-money, £1 6*s.* 8*d.*

[5. Alienation of Godstow land in St. Mary Magdalene parish.]

* leaf 125, back. About 1290.

[675.] * **A Chart*er* of Mabile abbesse of Godestowe I-made to god and to oure lady and to seynt Cutberte and to the priour and covent of Dureh*a*m for a certayn londe arable in Bewmounte fro a certeyn diche thurte over in Bewmounte.**

Sale by Godstow,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Mabile, abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, *with* one assent

and consent, yaf & *cetera*, to god and to oure lady seynt marie and to seynt Cutberte and to the p*ri*our and Covente of Dure*ham*[1], and to ther successours or to ther assignes all (what-
4 so-eu*er* they were), all ther arable lond' the which they had' fro a diche thurte over in Bewmounte, that is to sey, fro the londe of Philipp*e* ho, Burgeys of Oxenford', vnto the lond' that was of Roger Semer' in the same tilthe, in the subarbis of Oxenford', wherof
8 thre acres lye beside the londe of Walter boste of the north p*ar*te, and one acre lieth of the southe p*ar*te of the lond' of the said' Walt*er* Boste, bitwene the lond' of Thomas lewes and the lond' of the same Roger Semer, And one hede of all the said' lond' buttith
12 to the walles toward' the west and another hede buttith vnto the kyngis hye wey of Bewmounte toward' the Est; Also w*ith* vj. penyworth of yerely rente, to be take of one acre of the lond' of Thomas lewes, w*ith* the tythes of the same acre; and the
16 tythes of an acre of Walt*er* Boste in the same tylthe; w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, longyng bothe to the londe and to the rente and tythes. They willed' also and graunted' to the same priour and Couent aforseid' that they shold' have what-so-eu*er* right they had'
20 in voide groundes beside perelowse halle[2] in horsemongerstrete: To be had' and to be hold', to the same priour' and Couent of Dure*ham* and to ther successours or to ther assignes all, of them and ther chirch of Godestowe, frely quyetly holy wele and in
24 pease for eu*er*, w*ith* all lib*er*teis, eschetis, customes, tythes, eysementis, *w*ith* fre entryngis and goyng out, and sutes of Courte, and all other thynges and accions in ony wise longyng to the said' lond', rente, and tythes, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis,
28 yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours, or to ther assignes who-so-euer they be, x. s*hillings* of siluer at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at oure lady day in marche v. s*hillings* of siluer and at Mighelmasse v. s*hillings* of siluer, for all seruyce,
32 customes, exaccions, sutis of courtis, and seculer demaundis. And yf hit happen the said' priour and Covent and ther successours, or ony maner assignes of them, to be be-hynde of [or] to faile in the payment of þe seid' yerely rente (that god for-bede), the for-
36 said' p*ri*our and Couente grauntith, for them and ther successours

to Durham Priory, of land towards a site for Durham College,

and of a rent-charge, and of tithes over lands there;

and of rights in waste land near Perilous Hall;

with all manorial casualties over said lands;

* leaf 126.

quit-rent, 10s. yearly.

Powers of distraint.

[1] For Durham College, part of the buildings of which are still extant in Trinity College, see Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 263–74; Oxf. Hist. Soc., *Collectanea*, iii.

[2] Now Kettell Hall in Broad Street: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 373.

and all maner of assignes, that hit shold be wele lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, and to ther successours, or mynystres, or seruantis who-so-ever they be, to entre, distreyne, and nyme, all ther tenementes that they had or myght haue in the subarbis of Oxenford toward the northe, fro the fore-named diche thurte ouer bewmounte vnto horsemongerstrete, also and all the lond aforsaid, fro day into day, for the forsaid yerely x. *shillings*, with-oute ony agayn-saiyng or lette of the forsaid priour, Covente, successours, or assignes who-so-ever they be, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to the seid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, and to ther successours and assignes all, of the forsaid rente. And the forsaid abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and ther successours warantized aquyted and defended, for the forsaid rente of x. *shillings*, all the forsaid lond, sixe peny worthe of yerely rente, and tythes of ij. acris of Walter Boste and Thomas lewes, with all ther pertynentis, as hit is I-seid afore, to the forsaid priour and Couente of Dureham and to ther successours and to ther assignes, ayenst all men and women. Furthermore the said abbesse and Couente of Godestowe willed and graunted, for them and ther successours, that the forsaid priour and Couente, and ther successours, or ther assignes whiche-so-ever they sholde [be], that they shold be quyte fro yevyng of all tythes, bothe of more and lesse, in the forsaid lond for ever. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid priour and couente yaf to them afore-hondes xx. marke of sterlyngis. Into witnesse of all these thyngis, the forsaid parties put, euerych to other, ther seales to this present wrytyng I-made in the maner of a charter, & *cetera*. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Exemption from tithes, great and small. Purchase-money, £13 6*s*. 8*d*.

* leaf 126, back. About 1230.

*** The parissh of seynt Mighell at the north gate.**

[676.] A Charter of Alice, doughtir and heire of Theolph myller and of Eleyn the doughtir of Gerarde, I-made to Iohane the doughtir of henry Bunnesech for x. *shillings* of yerely rente of ij. seldes, & *cetera*.

Sale to Joan Bunnesech, by Alice

THE sentence of this charter is, that Alice, the doughtir and heire of Theolph myller and of Eleyn the doughtir of Gerard, in her lawfull power, yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohane, the doughtir

of henry Bunnesech, x. *shillings* of yerely rent, of tho two seldes the whiche were somtyme of Iohn Fr[a]ncees, Sadler, in seynt Mighell parissh at the north gate of Oxenford, to be take at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d, at oure lady day in marche ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at Midsomer ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires and to whom-so-ever he[1] wold yeve selle bequethe or assigne hit for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to the light of seynt Michell chirche at the southe yate of Oxenford ij. d at Cristmasse, and to hym[1] and to his heires at Estir j. ob*olus*. And Alice and her heires warantized the forsaid x. *shillings* of rente yerely, to the forsaid Iohane and to ther heires or assignes for eu*er*, ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid Iohane yaf to her vj. marke in warison. And that all thise aforsaide thynges, & *cetera*.

daughter of Theolph miller, of 10*s*. rent-charge on two selds,

quit-rents, 2*d*. to the light of St. Michael's at South Gate, and ½*d*. to the mesne lord.

Purchase-money, £4.

[677.] A Charter of Mawde halygod, the Relicte of laurence halygod, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for x. *shillings* of yerely rente.

About 1235.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Mavde halygod, the relicte of Laurence halygod, yaf, [and] lete (by counseil and the assent of Iohn her son), and w*ith* her chart*er* confermed, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestow there s*er*uyng god, in-to pure and p*er*petuell almesse, x. *shillings* of yerely rente in tho ij. seldes that were somtyme of Iohn Fraunceys, Sadler, in seynt Mighell parissh at the north gate of Oxenford, to be take at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at oure lady day in marche ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at Midsomer ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d. And also hit is to be know that she atorned the x. *shillings*, w*ith* the counseil and assente of Iohn her son, eu*er*lastyngly to by one pytaunce to the Coventis behoef and nede of Godestowe, in the day of her anniu*er*sarye. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Maud, widow of Laurence Halegod, of no. 676,

to provide a pittance on the anniversary of her death.

[1] 'he,' as often, for 'she'; 'him,' 'his,' for 'her.'

About 1270. * leaf 127.

[678.] A Charter of Isoude durham, abbesse of Godestowe, to Thomas * Fraunceys and to his heires or to his assignes for tho x. *shillings* of yerely rente.

Grant by Godstow, to Thomas Francis, and heirs, of the rent-charge (as in no. 676 and no. 677)

THE sentence of this charter is, that Isoude Duram, by the grace of godꝑ abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, with one consente and assente, yaf & *cetera*, to Thomas Fraunceys and to his heires or assignes, tho x. *shillings* of yerely rente of tho ij. seldes, the which somtyme were of Iohn Fraunceis, Sadler, in seynt Michell parissh without[1] the north yate of Oxenfordꝑ: To be hadꝑ and to be holde, of them and ther successours, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer, yeldyngꝑ therof yerely, to them and to ther successours, ix. *shillings* of yerely rente at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse ij. *shillings* iij. dꝑ, and at oure lady day in marche ij. *shillings* iij. dꝑ, and at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist ij. *shillings* iij. dꝑ, and at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* iij. dꝑ, for all seculer demaundes. And the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and ther successours warantizedꝑ and defendedꝑ the forsaidꝑ x. *shillings* of yerely rente, to the forsaidꝑ Thomas, and to his heires or his assignes, ayenst all men and women. And also the abbesse and Couent and ther successours, as ofte as the rente were behynde of tho ij. seldes, so ofte after ther owne wille they sholdꝑ distreyne in all the tenement. And to this couenant truly and with-out gyle to be holdꝑ, the parties put to ther seales, & *cetera*[2].

for a rent-charge of 9*s*.

Power of distraint.

* leaf 128, back. About 1285.

[679.] * A Charter of henry Eynysham to Thomas Somertoꝑ and Alice his wyf for a shoppe with the partynentis, & *cetera*.

Sale to Thomas of Somerton, by Henry of Einsham, of a shop,

THE sentence of this charter is, that henry of Eynysham yaf & *cetera* to Thomas Somertoꝑ and to Alice his wyf j. shoppe, with the pertynentis, the which is I-sette bitwene the londꝑ of the Abbot of Eynysham of the one parte and the londe somtyme of Sydewardꝑ of Bamptoꝑ of the other parte, in seynt

[1] 'without,' in error for 'at.'

[2] Among the witnesses are John of Coleshull, *maior*, and Jeffrey goldsmith and Philip de Ow (or Eu), *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1269.

Mighels parissh at the north gate of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Thomas and Alice and to ther heires or ther assignes, of hym and his heires or his assignes or whom-
4 so euer he wold yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one clow-gelofre at Estir, and to the abbesse of Godestowe
8 ix. *shillings* at iiij. pryncipall *ter*mes of the yere, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid henry and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid selde, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Thomas and Alice, and
12 to ther heires or assignes, ayenst all peple for euer. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid Thomas and Alice yaf to hym xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis before-hondis. Into witnesse of whiche thynge, & *cetera* [1].

subject to quit-rents, to the mesne lord a clove at Easter, and to Godstow 9*s*. (as in no. 678).

Purchase-money, £2.

[680.] * A quyte-clayme of Thomas Somerton and of Alice his wyf to the lady of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place for all the right and clayme that they had in a selde *with* the *per*tynentis in seynt Mighels parissh of the Sowthe yate [2].

*** leaf 135, back. About 1290.**

16 THE sentence of this relese and quyte-clayme is, that Thomas Somerton and Alice his wyf relesed, and quyte-claymed, to the lady abbesse of Godestowe and to the Covente of the same place, all the right and clayme that they had or in ony wise
20 myght have in one selde, *with* the *per*tynentis, in the towne of Oxenford, in seynt Mighels parissh of the sowth yate [2], the which they had of the same abbesse and Covente: So that they, no*per* there successours, ne none for them or by them, myght axe
24 ony right or clayme euer in the forsaid selde, *with* the *per*tynentis, nother ought to clayme, but to be exclude and put away for euer fro all right and accion of right. Into witnesse of the whiche thynge, they putte, & *cetera*.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Thomas Somerton, of all title in a seld, probably no. 679.

[1] Among the witnesses are Nicholas of Kyngeston, *maior*, and John Culvert and Thomas of Sowy, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1284.

[2] In the Latin, as in the English, Register this is said to be in St. Michael's at *South* Gate parish, and is the first deed in that parish: but it attaches itself to no. 679. Cp. also 395/3–6 with 378/19–20.

* leaf 155. 1299.

[681.] * A Charter of Alice Gorges, Abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to Peter Skelton, Clerke, for a Curtilage in seynt Mighell parisshe beside the north yate of Oxenforde.

Lease for ten years by Godstow, to Peter Skelton, of a curtilage under the town wall, reserving power to build on foundations already laid there.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Alice Gorges, by the grace of god Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, graunted and lete to Petir Skelton, Clerk, a curtilage in seynt Mighell parissh beside the north yate of Oxenford, next to a tenement that was somtyme of maister William Coudray, ageynst [1] the walles of þe towne: Savyng to them power to make ther houses to ther nede after that the walles (there be-gonne to howsis to be made) strecch them-self: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Petir and to his assignes, fro the fest of Seynt Mathie the Appostle, the xxvij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward, vnto the ende of x. yere next folowyng fully I-complete, yeldyng therof yerely, to them and to ther successours in ther house of Godestowe, ij. *shillings* of siluer at the fest of the Annunciacion * of oure lady; to the which paiyng of the forsaid rente, to them and to theire successours, in the forsaid *terme*, euery yere truly to be do, the forsaid peter bound hym-self and all his tenementis in the forsaid towne to the constreynyng and distreynyng of all ther baillifis, that they may streyne [2] hym in all his tenementis, and hold the distreynyng*es*, tille hit were fully I-satisfied of the arreragis of the forsaid rente, yf ther were ony, w*ith* the harmes [3]. And hit shold be lawfull also to take ayene to them the forsaid Curtilage into ther hondis, yf the forsaid rente were be-hynde by one monthe in one tyme be-yonde the day I-sette of the paiyng. And the forsaid Petir was I-bound to repaire and hold vp the erthe walles [4] aboute the Curtilage, w*ith* his owne costis. Into witnesse, & *cetera* [5].

* leaf 155, back.

Powers of distraint,

and re-entry.

Covenant to repair the fences.

[1] The Latin (Exchequer MS. leaf 190, mis-paged CC.) is: 'contra muros ville, salva nobis potestate domos ibidem ad opus *nostrum* construendi, *secundum* quod *parietes* (ibidem ad domos construendas incepte) se extendunt': i. e. Godstow reserves right of building on foundations laid there for houses.

[2] In Latin: 'quod possint eum distringere.'

[3] In Latin: 'una cum dampnis.'

[4] In Latin: 'muros mundales': possibly a slip for 'bundales,' bounding or enclosing. See Boase, *Reg. Coll. Exon.* (O.H.S.), xvi. 293.

[5] Among the witnesses are Robert of Wormenhall, *maior* of Oxford, Thomas of Sowy, Andrew of Pyrye.

[682.] * A plee I-meved' by a breef of the kyngis I-called' Cessauit bitwene the abbesse and Andrew Culuarde for a mese w*ith* the p*er*tynentis.

* leaf 127. 1306, March 26.

THE sentence of this plee is, that there was I-meved' a plee, by a breef of the kyngis that is I-called' a 'Cessauit p*er* bienniu*m*,' bitwene the religious women abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, axers, of the one p*ar*te, and Andrew Culuard' of Oxenford' and Alice his wyf, tenauntis and holders, of the other p*ar*te, of j. mese, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis in Oxenford', þat is I-sette, in seynt Mighell parissh of the northh gate of Oxenforde, bitwene the mese of the forsaid' Andrew and Alice of the one p*ar*te and the tenement of Richard' Dadyngton of the other p*ar*te. And the seid' abbesse recou*er*ed' the same mese, for the w*ith*holdyng of a marke dewe to them, by iugemente of the kyngis courte towarde or ayenst the same Andrew and Alice. And the same Andrew and Alice brought forthe ayenst the same religious women 'assise of new disseisyng,' and attempted' other accions dyu*er*se and stryves ayenst them; and all man*er* accions rest bitwene them in this maner, that is to sey: that dame molde Vpton, Abbesse of Godestowe aforsaid', and the Couente of the same place, graunted', for them and ther successours, that the forsaid' Andrew and his wyf Alice, natw*ith*stondynge the iugemente afore, shold' contynew [to] haue and holde all the forsaid' mese and his possession, to hym and to his heires, in fee and heritage, of the forsaid' abbesse and couente and ther successours for ever, as they held' hit before, yeldyng therof yerely one marke of siluer at iiij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Midsomer xl. d', and at Mighelmasse xl. d', and at seynt Thomas day the appostle xl. d', and at * the Annunciacion of oure lady xl. d'. And for this graunte the same Andrew bonde hymself and his heires to the payment of the forsaid' rente, in the same t*er*mes, for eu*er*. Furthermore, to more suerte, the said' Andrew bounde and submytted' the same mese, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, that the same Andrew had' of the yifte of Alice Dyton in seynt Abbes parissh in Oxenford', also w*ith* the forsaid' mese in that wise I-delyu*er*ed' to them, to who-so-eu*er* hondes hit come, to the distreynyng of the forsaid' abbesse and ther successours and bailifis, that they myght (in that mese in seynt Abbys parissh,

Under a writ of *Cessavit*, Godstow obtained a verdict by which it recovered a messuage from Andrew Culvert,

who failed in an *assisa novae disseisinae.*

Re-grant by Godstow, to Andrew Culvert, of the messuage,

quit-rent, 13*s.* 4*d.*

* leaf 127, back.

Power of distraint.

also w*ith* that mese in seynt Mighell parissh) to distreyne and to w*ith*-holde the distreynyng, tille that hit were fully I-satisfied of the forsaid rente, yf ony were behynde. And the forsaid abbesse and ther successours shold warantize and defende, for 4 the forsaid rente, that mese, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Andrew and Alice and to ther heires, ayenst all peple. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Andrew and Alice yaf to the forsaid abbesse and couente xl. s*hillings* of sterlyngis before- 8 handes. In-to witnesse of [which], bothe p*ar*ties put ther seales, eu*er*ych to other. The date at Oxenford, the saturday in the morowe of the Annu*n*ciacion of oure lady, the xxxiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kynge henry. 12 These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £2.

* leaf 128, back. 1315, Oct. 26.

[683.] * An endenture I-made bitwene dame Moolde Vpton, Abbesse of Godestowe, and William More, Cordewayner, of Oxenford, and Isabelle his wyf, for a selde w*ith* a solar aboue hit.

[Simon and Jude = Oct. 28.] Lease for two lives by Godstow,

* leaf 129. to William More and wife,

of a shop and a room over it. [Nuneaton Priory.]

The sentence of this endenture is, that the sonday next afore the fest of the appostles Symond and Iude, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward, bitwene dame 16 Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same house of the one p*ar*te, and William * More, Cordewayner of Oxenford, and Isabell his wyf, of the other p*ar*te, hit was I-corded in this wyse or maner, that is to sey: that the forsaid 20 abbesse and Couente, w*ith* ther one assent and consente, toke, graunted, and lete, to the said William and Isabelle, to all the lyf of bothe of them, one selde, w*ith* a solar ou*er* the same selde I-bilde and [over] a selde of the prioresse of Nunne Eton, the 24 which ben sette in seynt Mighell parissh at the northe yate of Oxenford, vpon the corner beside the Iren cheyne[1] of the southe p*ar*te, bytwene the tenement that was of Alisaundre Cary of the Est p*ar*te and the selde of the said prioresse of the south 28 p*ar*te: To be had and to be holde, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, to the said William and Isabelle his wyf and to ther assignes, to all the lyf of the lenger liver of þem, of the forsaid abbesse

[1] Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 71.

and Couente and ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to the said abbesse and Couente and to ther successours, duryng the x. first yeres, eu*er*y yere
4 at the fest of seynt Frideswyth virgyne, x. s*hillings*, and all the other yeres folowyng, duryng the lyf of the said William and Isabell his wyf, the same Will*iam* or the one of them shold yelde to the said abbesse and Couente, and to ther successours, eu*er*y
8 yere xiij. s*hillings* at that same fest of seynt Frideswith abouesaid. And the forsaid abbesse and Couente and ther successours warantized and defended the said selde, w*ith* all the solar abovesaid, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, to the said William More and to
12 Isabell his wyf (to all the lyf of them) and to ther assignes, bothe ayenst the chief lordes and also ayenst all other peple mortall. And the forsaid William and Isabell and ther assignes shold susteyne and holde vp the said selde and solar, w*ith* ther owne
16 costis, [and] make agayn and repaire hit in all thyngis, honestly and competently, after that hit semeth to them to be nedefull and hovable. Also the said William & Isabell grauntith, that, yf the said Will*iam* dyed (the said Isabelle lyvyng), and the
20 same [Isabell] (aft*er* the decesse of the seid William) cese by one yere, and be behynde, in the paiyng of the yerly rente aforsaid (that god forbede), than hit shold be lawfull to the said abbesse and Couente, and to ther successours, to take the said selde, w*ith* the
24 solar, and w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, w*ith* all the bet*er*yngis and amendyngis that they put to them, into ther hondes, and to dispose therof at ther wille, and to cast out, [or] put out, the said Isabell, and her assignes, and all maner dwellers in them, w*ith*-
28 out ony hope of recou*er*yng, and [with-out] ayenst-saiyng of ony man. Into witnesse of whiche, & *cetera*.

[Reduced rent during first years of a building lease.] [Frideswyde, Oct. 19.]

Covenants to repair and rebuild.

Special clause giving power of re-entry in case of failure of the widow to pay the rent.

[684.] *A Couenaunte bitwene Margerye Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place of the one p*ar*tie, and Thomas Marchall of Oxenford and Cecilie his wyf of the other p*ar*te, for a selde with the partynentis in Oxenforde, & c*etera*.

* leaf 127, back. 1329, Sept. 29.

THE sentence of this couenaunte is, that there was a covenaunte I-made bitwene margerye dyne, abbesse of godestowe,
32 and the couente of the same place, of the one p*ar*te, and Thomas

Lease for 40 years by Godstow, to Thomas

and Cicely Marchall,

Marchall and Cecilie his wyf of the other parte, that is to sey, that the forsaid abbesse, with assent of the saide Couente, toke and lete to the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie one selde, with the

of a seld in the Cordwainry,

pertynentis, in Oxenford, the which is I-sette in seynt Mighell 4 parissh at the north gate, in the Cordewaynerye[1], bitwene the selde of Iohn Staunton of the southe side and the selde of the same Thomas of the north side, and vndir the soler of the same Thomas and Cecilie: To be had and to be hold, to the same 8 Thomas and Cecilie, to the terme of xl. yere nexte folowyng fully I-complete after the makyng of this present writyng, yeldyng

subject to quit-rents, to Godstow, 12s. 3d.; to St. Frideswyde's Priory, 1s. 9d.; and to Oxford City, 4s.

therof yerely to the forsaid Abbesse and to ther successours xij. shillings iij. d. at iiij. pryncipall termes; and of the same 12 selde (for the same abbesse and Couente) to the priour[2] of seynt Frideswyth of Oxenford xxj. d, and to the baillifes of Oxenford iiij. shillings yerly. To which payment or rente, truly to be paid, as hit is I-seid afore, the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie 16

* leaf 128.

bounde them-self, and the forsaide * selde, and v. seldes the which the same Thomas had of the north side of the same selde,

Power to distrain for rent over six selds.

to the distreynyng of the seid abbesse and couente, to whos-soever hondes they come, that they myght distreyne in the same 20 al so ofte as the seid rente were behynde, in parte or in all, and to with-holde the distreynyng, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to

Obligation to keep in repair.

the same Religious women or to ther mynysters. Also the same Thomas and Cecilie, and bothe of hem, shold susteyne the 24 same selde, all the tyme that hit happened hem to hold, with ther owne costis. And [yf] hit happenyd bothe Thomas and

Lease to be broken by death of lessees.

Cecilie, after the kynde of man, within the terme aforsaid to dye, than, anon after ther dethe of the persone that dyed 28 last, the forsaid selde shold turne ayene to the same religious women, And hit shold be lawfull to them and to ther mynsters to entre into hit with-out lette or ony maner agayn-saiyng.

[Omission of rent during first years of a building lease.]

And, for-as-moche as the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie made that 32 tyme the said selde new of ther owne costis, the forsaid abbesse & *cetera* graunted that the same Thomas and Cecilie shold be quyte, by iij. yere nexte folowyng after the date of the makyng herof, of the forsaid yerly rente of xij. shillings iij. d, 36 the which they graunted to allowe to them for the forsaid

[1] Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 483–5.

[2] See 378/20.

makyng. And the forsaid' Religious women warantiȝed' the seid' selde, so I-lette, to the same Thomas and Cecilie ayenst all peple, owte-take of the rente of the forsaid' priour and baillifes. 4 Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the saturday in the fest of seynt Mighell, the thirde[1] yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the sone of kynge Edwarde.

[685.] An endenture bitwene Margery Tracy, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, to Iohn Siluestre, spor-yer, and to Alice his wyf, for a shoppe *with* a soler at the corner of Cheyne lane in Oxenforde. 1375, Oct. 1.

Lease for two lives, by Godstow, to John Silvester and wife, of a corner shop,

at a rent of 15*s.* 4*d.*, the tenant to perform services due by the tenement to the chief lord,

* leaf 128, back. and to repair.

Prohibition to sub-let.

Powers of re-entry if tenant does not observe his covenants.

The sentence of this endenture is, that Margery Tracy, 8 Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, toke and lete to Iohn Siluestre, Sporier, and to Alice his wyf, one shoppe *with* a soler, at the corner of Cheynelane[2] in Oxenford' in seynt Mighell parissh at the northe gate I-sette: To be had' 12 and to be hold', to the forsaide Iohn Siluestre and to Alice his wyf, to the *ter*me of ther lyf, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent xv. *shillings* iiij. d', at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere vsuall in the forsaid' borough of Oxenford', the first *ter*me 16 of the payment begynnyng at the fest of Seynt Thomas next folowyng after the date of this *pre*sent writynge. And the same Iohn and Alice shold' yelde yerely, for the forsaid' abbesse and Couente, to the chief lord' of that fee all service dewe therof 20 and I-wonyd'. And the forsaid' Iohn and Alice sholde * repaire and susteyne, wele and competently, *with* ther owne costis, all the forsaid' shop *with* the solar, duryng the *ter*me aforsaid'; And so in the ende of ther *ter*mys they shold' leve hit *with*[3] competent 24 astate. Natheles hit shold' not be lawfull to the forsaid' Iohn and Alice to lette the said' shop *with* the solar to ony man, *with*out licence of the forsaid' abbesse and Couent. And yf hit happened' the forsaid' rente of xv. *shillings* iiij. d'. to be behynde, 28 in *par*te or in all, af*ter* ony *ter*me by xv. dayes; or yf they paye not the rente longyng to the chief lorde, at a lawfull *ter*me; or

[1] The Latin has 'tertio decimo,' which is right. Sept. 29, 13 Edward II, 1319, fell on a Saturday. Sept. 29 in 3 Edward II, 1309, was on a Monday.

[2] Cheyney Lane is now Market Street.

[3] Read 'in,' for 'with.'

yf they repaired not and susteyned the forsaide shoppe *with* the solar, in the forme afore I-put; or lette hit to ony man, *without* licence first I-axed and I-gote, as hit hathe be I-said afore: that fro that tyme hit shold be wele lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couent, and to ther successours, or to ther *pro*curatour, to agayne entre into the said shoppe *with* the solar, and to agayn holde to them, and to put out the forsaid Iohn Siluestre and Alice his wyf fro thens, and to agayn hold hit as in ther olde astate, not*with*stondyng this endenture. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the house of the Chapit*er*, the monday next aftir the fest of seynt Michell, the xlix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde aft*er* the conquest.

[Godstow Chapter-house.]

* leaf 135, back.

* The Parissh of Seynt Mighell at the Sowthe yate.

[NOTE.—This suburban parish lay between the South Gate (which stood between what is now the south-west corner of Christ Church and the south-east corner of Pembroke College) and the river. It consisted chiefly of meadow-land and a raised causeway called Grandpont (no. 658). It is now merged in St. Aldate's parish. The rubrics in the Latin Register explain the presence of these documents by their connexion with the rent-charges (nos. 532, and 533, over properties in this parish) given to Godstow by Hugh Palmer.]

* leaf 137. About 1220.

[686.] * A Chart*er* of William fitz Iohn Dyer*e* I-made to Rob*er*t Gloser and to Margerye his wyf, for his lond with the partynentis in Oxenford.

Sale to Robert gloser, by William son of John dyer, of land at Shelving-stole,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that William fitz Iohn Dyer*e*[1] graunted, lete, and delyuered, to Rob*er*t Gloser[2] and to Margerye his wyf, that lond, *with* the p*er*tynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond of William fitz Elie and the lond of the forsaid Rob*er*t the which he toke afore into fee of hym *without* the sowth yate of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Rob*er*t and to Margery his wyf, and to the heires comyng of the forsaid Rob*er*t and Margerye, or to whom-so-eu*er* the forsaid Rob*er*t and Margerye wold yeve it or selle hit or assigne hit, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng to his heires yerely xij. d. at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, for all seruyce,

quit-rent, 18.

[1] 'tinctor' in the Latin.

[2] The Latin gives this name as 'le Gloser' or 'Glosur.' It seems to be a trade natural to a district of dyers, fishers, fullers. Walter alutar*ius*, Henry tannur of Benesey, occur as witnesses to this deed.

that is to sey, at Ester vj. d' and at Mighelmasse vj. d'. And the seid' William and his heires warantized' the said' lond', *with* the *pertynentis*, to the forsaid' Rob*ert* and Margerye and to ther
4 heires comyng of them or to whom-so-ever they wold' yeve selle or assigne hit, excepte to religious men, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' Rob*ert* and Margery yaf to hym xx. *shillings* in warisoñ. And that,
8 & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £1.

[687.] * A Char*ter* of Cristyne the relicte of Iohn Dyer confermyng the graunte, takyng, and letyng, that William his sone and his heire made to Robert Gloser and to Margarete[1] his wyfe, & *cetera*.

* leaf 135, back. About 1220.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that Cristyne the relicte of Iohn dyer, confermed' w*ith* this her char*ter* the graunte, takyng, and letyng, *þat* William * his sone and heire made to Rob*ert*
12 Gloser and to Margarete[1] his wyf and to ther heires, of that londe the which is in seynt Mighels parissh w*ith*out the sowthe yate, of the fee of the priour and chanons of seynt Frideswithe, which is beside the lond' of Thomas Coppe vndir the walle, as
16 witnesseth the char*ter* of William his soñ I-made to Rob*ert* Gloser and Margarete[1] his wyf and to ther heires. And Cristyne and her heires warantized' the forsaid' lond' to the forsaid' Rob*ert* Gloser and Margarete[1] his wyf and to ther heires ayenst all men
20 and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, they yaf to her and to William her soñ and heire iij. marke in warisoñ. In witnes, & *cetera*.

Confirmation by Cristina, * leaf 136. widow of John dyer, to Robert le gloser, of no. 686.

Purchase-money, £2.

[688.] * A char*ter* Originall of William fitz Iohn Dyer of Oxenford, I-made to Robert Gloser and to Margarete[2] his wyf, for that lond' that he helde of the fee of the priour and chanons of Seynt Frydeswith vnder the Walle, & *cetera*.

* leaf 136, back. About 1230.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that William fitz Iohn
24 graunted', toke, and lete, & *cetera*, to Rob*ert* Gloser and to Margarete[2] his wyf, that lond' that he held' of the fee of the

Sale to Robert gloser, by William

[1] In error for 'Margery.' [2] The Latin has Margery.

son of John dyer, of land;

priour and chanons of Frideswith vndir the walle, that is to sey, that more parte of the lond the which is bitwene the lond of Thomas Coppe and his litell house in seynt Mighels parissh with-out the sowthe yate: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires or to whom-so-ever he wold yeve hit or assigne hit (out take to religious men), in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly and pesibly, yeldyng therof to hym and to his heires v. *shillings* at ij. termes of the yere, at Ester ij. *shillings* vj. d and at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d, for all customes and exaccions longyng to hym and to his heires. And William fitz Iohn Dyer and his heires warantized to the forsaid Robert Gloser and to Margarete his wyf and to ther heires and to ther assignes the forsaid lond, with his pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Robert Gloser and Margarete his wyf and Cristyne his modir yaf to hym iij. marke into warison. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*.

quit-rent, 5*s*.

Purchase-money, £2.

* leaf 137. About 1230.

[689.] *A charter of Thomas Fuller I-made to Raaf Fitz William fitz Amfride his norissh for v. *shillings* of rente in Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

Grant to Ralph son of William, by Thomas fuller, of a 5*s*. rent-charge,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Fuller*e*, for goddes sake and for the helthe of his sowle, graunted and yaf to Raaf[1] fitz William fitz Amfride his norissh v. *shillings* of the rente of the lond that William of seynt Albon toke of hym vndir the walle of Oxenford toward the sowthe: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires, frely and quyetly, yeldyng therof yerely to Philipp*e* Burgeys ij. *shillings* for all seruyce and exaccion. And that & *cetera*.

subject to a quit-rent of 2*s*.

* leaf 136. About 1259.

[690.] *A Charter of Moolde at the yate I-made to hugh fitz Ranulph Fissher for iij. *shillings* of yerely rente.

Sale to Hugh son of Randall

THE sentence of this charter is that Moolde at the yate, in her lawfull wedowhode, yaf, & *cetera*, to hugh fitz Ranulph

[1] The Latin is 'Radulfo . . . nutricio meo'; so that 'norissh' is = pupil. The deed is witnessed by Robert, sub-prior of St. Frideswyde's; Reginald, chaplain of St. Peter; Torold allutarius; Henry son of Henry son of Simeon; &c.

Fissher[1] of Oxenford, iij. *shillings* of yerely rent, to be I-confermed yerely of the lond of the same hugh * the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Roger Bernard of the one *parte* and the lond of Alice hore even ayenst the Sheluyngstole[2] vndir the walle in seynt Mighels parissh of the sowthe of Oxenford, the which iij. *shillings* the forsaid hugh was I-wonyd to yelde to her of the same lond: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for ever. And Moolde and her heires warantized the forsaid iij. *shillings* of yerely rente, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires and his assignes, ayenst all men and women for eu*er*. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Hugh yaf to her before-handes xvj. *shillings* of sterlyngis. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*[3].

fisher, by Maud at the gate, * leaf 136, back. of a rent-charge of 3*s*.

[691.] * A Chart*er* of William fitz Rob*er*t Gloser I-made to Ranulph Fyssher for his mese with the partynentis.

* leaf 135, back. About 1266.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that [William fitz] Rob*er*t [le] Gloser, in his lawfull power, graunted, & *cetera*, to hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher, a mese w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, for his s*er*uice, the which mese lieth bitwene the lond that was of henry Ruffy of the one p*ar*tie and the lond that was of Geffrey hakeburn of the other p*ar*te, in the subarbis of Oxenford in seynt Mighels p*ar*issh of the sowthe yate of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and his heires, frely quyetly holy and pesibly for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordes of the fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd, and to hym and to his heires j. d. at Estir, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde: and William and his heires warantized aquyted and defended, by the forsaid seruyce, the forsaid mese, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires and his assignes, ayenst all men and women for ever. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[4].

Grant to Hugh son of Randall fisher, by William son of Robert gloser, of a messuage;

quit-rent, 1*d*. at Easter.

[1] The Latin copy, probably wrongly, makes the grant to 'Ranulfus piscator' himself.

[2] See Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 299. It may have been a lane going down from the street to Trill-mill Stream.

[3] Witnesses include William le sauser, *maior*, and Henry Perle and John Pady, *prepositi*, of Oxford.

[4] Among the witnesses are Nicholas of Stokwell, *maior*, John of Coleshull and Jeffrey le mercer, *prepositi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1265.

* leaf 136. About 1266.

[692.] * A Charter of William fitz Robert Gloser made to hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher for certayne londe in Oxenforde.

Grant to Hugh son of Randall fisher, by William son of Robert gloser, of land;

THE sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Robert Gloser yaf, & *cetera*, to hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher, all that lond, with the pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Raynold Gelmer and the lond of Alice hore, in Seynt Mighels parissh of the sowthe of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, yeldyng therof to the chief lordes of that fee seruyce dew and I-wonyd, and to hym and to his heires j. d. at Ester, for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the forsaid William and his heires warantized the forsaid lond, with the pertynentis, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires and his assignes, ayenst all men and women for euer. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid hugh yaf to hym vj. mark, of sterlyngis before-handes into warison. And that alle thise afore writynges shold be sure, & *cetera*.

quit-rent, 1*d*.

Purchase-money, £4.

* leaf 137. About 1266.

[693.] * A Couenaunte I-made bitwene hugh fitz Ranulph Fissher of Oxenford and William fitz Robert Gloser for ij. meses with all ther pertynentis.

Grant to William son of Robert gloser and heirs of body, by Hugh son of Randall fisher, of two messuages, one in St. Michael's at South Gate (no. 691), one in St. Frides-wyde's parish,

THE sentence of this charter is, that there was a couenaunte I-made, bitwene hugh fitz Ranulph Fysshere of the one parte, and William fitz Robert Gloser of the other parte, that is to sey, that the forsaid hugh toke and lete to the forsaid William ij. meses, with all ther pertynentis, of the which one lieth bitwene the lond of Godefray hakeburne of the one parte and the lond that was of henry Ruffy of the other parte, in the subarbes, in seynt Mighels parissh of the sowthe of Oxenford, And another mese, with the pertynentis, lieth bitwene the lond that was of Robert Gloser of the one parte and the lond of Cristyn Cordewanere of the other parte, in seynt Frideswith parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid William and to his heires of his body I-gote, frely quyetly holy and pesibly for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordes of

tho fees dewe *ser*uyce and I-wonyd', and to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires or assignes yerely j. d'. at Ester, for all' *ser*uyce exaccion' and demaunde; and yf the forsaid' William died' *with*out heire of his body, anon' aft*er* the decesse of the forsaid' William, the ij. meses shold' abide * remayne and turne agayn' to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires, vttirly quyetly and *with*-out ony agayn'-saiyng for eu*er*, as hit is conteyned' in the chart*er*s the whiche the forsaid' William made therof to the forsaid' hugh and his heires. And the forsaid' hugh and his heires warantized' the forsaid' ij. meses, *with* ther p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid' William and to his heires comyng forthe of his body, ayenst all' men and women for eu*er*. So that the forsaid' William shold' not selle nother lay to wedde nother assigne to no man, cristen' nother Iewe, nother in religion' nother out of religion', the forsaid' ij. meses *with* the p*er*tynentis, in p*ar*te other in all'. And to this couenaunte to be holde truly and *with*-out gyle, bothe p*ar*ties plight ther trowthes, and put to ther seale, eu*er*ych to others writyng, & *cetera*[1].

quit-rent, *id.*,

* leaf 137, back.

under covenant not to mortgage. [Jews.]

[694.] * A Chart*er* of hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher of Oxenford' I-made to Alice his modir for a mese with the partynentis in Oxenford'.

* leaf 136, back. About 1266.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher of Oxenford' graunted', & *cetera*, for hym and his heires, to Alice his modir, somtyme the wyf of Ranulphe Fyssher his fader, to all' her lyf, that his mese, *with* all' the p*er*tynentis, that is bitwene his lond' of the one p*ar*te and the lond' of Laurence fitz Roger Bernard' of the other p*ar*te, even ayenst sheluyng-stole, in seynt Mighell' parissh at the sowthe yate of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' Alice his modir as longe as she lived', frely quyetly holy worshipfully wele and in pease. And hugh and his heires warantized', aquyted', and defended' the forsaid' mese, *with* all' his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid' Alice al so longe as she lived', ayenst all' men and women. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[1].

Grant to Alice, widow of Ranulph fisher, by her son Hugh,

of life-rent in a messuage.

[1] Witnesses as in no. 691.

* leaf 136. About 1266.

[695.] * A Charter of Alice somtyme the wyf of Ranulphe Fyssher quyte-claymyng to hugh her sone a mese with the partynentis, & *cetera*.

Quit-claim to Hugh son of Randall fisher, by his mother Alice, of all title in a messuage on Grandpont.

THE sentence of this charter is that Alice, somtyme the wyf of Ranulph Fyssher of Oxenford, in her owne lawfull wedowhode, yaf graunted and quyte-claymed, and with her charter confermed, to hugh her sone, for his seruyce, all that mese with the pertynentis that is bitwene the lond of Roger Tanner of the one parte and the lond that was of Raaf Chilton of the oper partie, vpon the grete brigge in seynt Mighels parissh of the sowth yate of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires or to his assignes, with all right and clayme that she had or myght haue in the forsaid mese with his pertynentis in the name of her fre dowry or in ony other right, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordes of that fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And that this his[1] yifte, & *cetera*[2].

* leaf 133.

* The parissh of Seynt Mildrythe.

[NOTE.—Since about 1430 this small parish has been merged in St. Michael's parish at North Gate. The greater part of it is now occupied by the buildings of Exeter College, and all the Godstow land here was parted with to provide a portion of the site of that College: Boase's *Registrum Coll. Exon.* (1894), pp. ix, x, xvi.]

[1. Benefaction of Maud Perle.]

* leaf 133. About 1230.

[696.] * A Couenaunte I-made bitwene Walter fitz William Coillum and William Perle for all his lond with the pertynentis & *cetera*.

Lease to William Perle, by Walter Coillum, of land,

THE sentence of this couenaunte is, that ther was a couenaunte I-made bitwene Walter fitz William Coillum and William Perle, that is to sey, that Walter graunted, lete, and delyuered, to the forsaid William all his lond, with the pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Iohn Borewolde and the lond of Alice that was the wyf of hugh Eton, in Seynt Mildrethes

[1] 'his,' as often, for 'her.'

[2] Witnesses much as in no. 694.

parissh in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the seid William and to his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly and holy, that is to sey, fro the fest of seynt Mighell the xiiij. yere of the 4 reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn vnto the ende of x. yere next folowynge, yeldyng therof euery yere to the chief lordes xviij. d for all seruyce: and the forsaid Walter and his heires warantized the forsaid lond, with his pertynentis, to the 8 forsaid William and to his heires or to his assignes thurgh the terme of x. yere ayenst all men and women; and for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid William yaf to the forsaid Walter xij. marke of sterlyngis before-handis. Also hit is to be know 12 that [that] the said William or his assignes shall put in amendyng and susteynyng of the forsaide lond, resonably, by the sight of good men, for the defawtyng of the said Walter or his heires, that shold be allowed to the said William and to his heires 16 or to his assignes in the ende of the forsaid terme. And þat, & *cetera*[1].

for ten years, at a rent of 1*s.* 6*d.*

Purchase-money, £8. Compensation for improvements.

[697.] *A charter of Walter fitz William Coillum for xx. *shillings* to be paid to William Perle of Oxenford the whiche he owed to hym.

* leaf 134, back. 1230, Nov.

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Walter fitz William Coillum owed to William Perle of Oxenford xx. *shillings* of 20 sterlynges, to be yelded at the fest of Alhalewyn in the xv. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn. And yf he yelded not or satisfyed [to] the same William (or to his heires or to his assignes) the said xx. *shillings*, all his lond, with the per- 24 tynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond the which was of Iohn Borewold and the lond that was of Alice that was the wyf of hugh Eton in seynt Mildreth parissh of Oxenford, shold remayn and abide for euer to the same William and to his heires and to 28 his assignes, for viij. marke and an half the which he shold yeve to hym in warison: To be had and to be holde, frely and quyetly, fully and holy, pesibly and worshipfully, yeldyng therof to hym and to his heires yerely ij. *shillings* at ij. termes of the yere, that 32 is to sey, at Ester xij. d and at Mighelmasse xij. d, And to the

Loan of £1, by William Perle, on security of William Coillum's land (no. 696), in consideration of right to foreclose and take the land on payment of £5 13*s.* 4*d.*

[1] Witnesses include John Pady, *maior*, and Pentecost and Henry son of Thomas, *prepositi*, of Oxford.

chief lord of the fee yerely xviij. d. at Mighelmasse, for all seruyce and demaund. And he and his heires warantized to the said William and to his heires and to his assignes, yf hit happe, all the lond, *with* the *per*tynentis, ayenst al men; but, and happe that he satisfye and paye the same xx. *shillings* in the afore-named *ter*me of Alhalewyn, this *pre*sent writyng shold be yelded to hym *with*-out agayn-saiyng; and the forsaid lond also shold be in the hande of the same William vnto the ende of x. yere, the which is I-conteyned in the chart*er* that was I-made bitwene them, as the chart*er*s witnessen. And for by-cause hit shold not [be] out of mynde or be forgete, he put to his seale, & *cetera*[1].

* leaf 133. About 1240.

[698.] * A chart*er* of Moolde that was the doughtir of William Perle of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all thise londes vndir writen.

Grant to Godstow, by Maud Perle,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Moolde, that was the dought*er* of Willi*am* Perle of Oxenford, in her lawfull wedowhode, yaf, & *cetera*, for her and her heires, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther *ser*uyng god and to *ser*ue for eu*er*, for the helthe of her sowle and of her other auncet*ur*s, thise londes vndir-writte, the which she had, and was possessed

of land as in no. 697,

by right heritage, in the towne of Oxenford, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, that is to sey, all that lond that William her fadir bought of Walt*er* fitz William Coillu*m*, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Iohn Borewald and the londe that was of Alice that was the wyf of hugh Eton in seynt Mildredis

and of land in St. Frideswyde's parish,

parissh of Oxenford: Also all that lond that the forsaid William her fadir bought of Science that was the wyf of Thomas Machon in seynt Frideswythe parissh of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had for eu*er*, to the said mynchons *ser*uyng and to *ser*ue in the said monast*er*y, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, into fre pure and *per*petuell almesse; doyng natheles therof yerely to the chief lordes of the fees *ser*uyce dew and I-wonyd therof, aft*er* the tenour of the chart*er*s the which her fadir had therof; And also yeldyng vnto the chirche of seynt Mildreth[2] virgyn of Oxenford

[1] Witnesses include Peter son of Torald, *maior*, Pentecost and Henry, *prepositi*, of Oxford.

[2] Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 94.

ij. d̃. of yerely rente, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse; yeldyng also to hym and to his heires ij. d̃. of siluer at Ester, for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And hit is to be know that she assigned * xx. *shillings* of the said tenement in seynt Frideswyth parissh specially to a pytaunce of the Couente of Godestowe in the day of her anniuersary every yere to be, and the residue of all the rente, of the same tenemente comyng, she assigned specially to the kochyn of the fermorye, savyng nathelesse the rente of the chief lordes and cost to be do in the same houses. Also she and her heires warantized to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours for euer all the forsaid londes and tenementis with all ther pertynentis ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons graunted to her parte of all good dedes that shold be do in the said house of Godestowe in tymes that were to come. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*[1].

subject to 2*d.* yearly to St. Mildred's Church; * leaf 133, back. to provide a yearly pittance of 20*s.* on her own anniversary, the residue to go to the infirmary of Godstow, after paying for quit-rents and repairs of the property.

[699.] A Couenaunte bitwene Flandryne, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Moolde that was the doughtir of William Perle of Oxenford, for v. marke al so longe as she lyved, & *cetera*.

About 1242.

THE sentence of this couenaunte is that Flandryne, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, with one assente, graunted, and with this writyng confermed, for them and ther successours, to Moolde, that was the doughtir of William Perle of Oxenford, v. marke of siluer euery yere al so longe as she lyved, to be paid in ther howse at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist xvj. *shillings* viij. d̃, at Mighelmasse xvj. *shillings* viij. d̃, at Cristmasse xvj. *shillings* viij. d̃, and at Ester xvj. *shillings* viij. d̃. And that this couenaunte and graunte, & *cetera*.

Grant by Godstow, to Maud Perle, of a yearly pension (£3 6*s.* 8*d.*), no doubt in consideration of no. 698.

[700.] A quyte-clayme of Cecilie that was the wyf of William Perle of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all the right that she had in the name of her dowerye, & *cetera*.

About 1242.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Cecilie, somtyme the wyf of William Perle of Oxenford, in her lawfull wedowhode,

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Cecilia,

[1] Among the witnesses are Adam Feteplace, *maior*, Henry son of Symeon, John of Coleshulle, Nicholas of Kyngeston, *prepositi*, of Oxford.

widow of William Perle, of her jointure-right in no. 698,

in consideration of a yearly pension of £2, and a new dress each year.

graunted, lete, and quyte-claymed for euer, to the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, all the right, and what-so-euer she myght haue, or had, in the name of her dowery, in Oxenford, of a tenemente that William Perle (somtyme her husbond) bought of Walter fitz Coillum in seynt Mildredes parissh, and of a tenemente that William aforsaid her husbond bought of Science that was the wyf of Thomas Machon in seynt Frideswythe parissh in Oxenford. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to her euery yere, al so longe as she lived, iij. marke of siluer and one lyverey of ther house of charite to be take, after that hit is specially conteyned in the charter I-made therof. And that this graunte, & *cetera* [1].

[2. Lands acquired from William Crompe.]

* leaf 134, back. About 1259.

[701.] * A Charter of William Crompe of Oxenford I-made to Robert Buthe for all his lond in Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

Sale to Robert Butte, by William Cromp,

of land as in no. 702,

subject to 2*d*. quit-rent.

[Jews.]

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Cromp of Oxenford yaf, & *cetera*, for hym and his heires, to Robert Buthe [2] of Oxenford, all his lond, with all his pertynentes, the which was somtyme of Thomas Furbure, the which is bitwene his lond of the one parte and the lond that was of Osberte Vylen of the other, in seynt Mildrethes parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or to his assignes where and when he wold yeve hit, bequethe, selle, or assigne, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires ij. d. at Mighelmasse, for all seruyce therof dewe and I-wonyd, and exaccions. And the forsaid William and his heires warantized, aquyted, and defended, to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or to his assignes all the forsaid lond, with all his pertynentis, ayenst all men, cristen and Iewes, by the forsaid seruyce. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the

[1] Among the witnesses are John 'scriptor' of Haliwelle; Adam, pergamenarius; James de Hawncia, steward of Godstow; Henry, the porter.

[2] In the Latin Register, 'Buc' in the rubric, 'Buch' in the text.

forsaid' Robert yaf to hym before-handes x. mark, of sterlyngis in warisoñ. And that all thise afore-written thynges shold' be sure, & *cetera*[1]. Purchase-money, £6 13*s.* 4*d.*

[NOTE.—The relation between nos. 701 and 702 is obscure. On the face of it, it looks as if Crompe, after selling the substantial interest in the land, conveyed to Godstow the feudal superiority over it, represented by the 2*d.* yearly quit-rent in no. 701. Godstow may have acquired Robert Butte's interest.]

[702.] * A charter of William Cromp̄ I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all his londe in Oxenforde, & *cetera*. * leaf 133, back. About 1259.

4 THE sentence of this charter is, that William Cromp̄ of Oxenford' yaf & *cetera*, for hym and his heires, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, all that lond', with his pertynentis, the which was somtyme of Thomas Furbure, 8 the which is bitwene his lond' of the one parte and the lond' that was somtyme of Osberte Vyleyne of the other, in seynt * Mildrethis parissh of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' mynchons and to ther successours, into pure and per-12 petuel almesse, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease fro all seculer seruyce and demaunde as ony almesse myght frely be yove. And William and his heires warantized' aquyted' and defended' for euer the forsaid' lond', with all his pertynentis, 16 ayenst all men and women. And that this his graunte shold' be sure, & *cetera*. Grant to Godstow, by William Cromp, of land, as in 701. * leaf 134.

[3. Alienation of the Godstow lands in this parish.]

[703.] A Couenaunte I-made bitwene Dame Margery Dyne, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Rector and Scolers of Stapultoñ halle of Oxenford', for a tenemente with a Curtilage, & *cetera*. 1318, April 23.

THE sentence of this Covenaunte is, that there was a couenaunte I-made, bitwene the religious women dame Margerye 20 abbesse of Godestowe and the Couente of the same place of the one parte, and the Rector and scolers of Stapiltoñ halle[2] of Oxenford' of the other parte, that is to sey, þat the forsaid' Abbesse and Couente graunted' and toke, for them and ther Grant by Godstow, to Stapledon hall, of a perpetual lease of a tene-

[1] Witnesses as in no. 690.

[2] Now Exeter College.

ment and curtilage

successours, to fee-ferme for eu*er* to the forsaid Rector and scolers, one tenemente w*ith* a curtilage liyng to, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, in the towne of Oxenford, that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of the forsaid Rector and scolers that was somtyme of maist*er* Petir Skelton of the west p*ar*te and the tenement that was of Thomas henxey in seynt Mildredis p*ar*issh toward the towne walles of the Est p*ar*te: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Rector and scolers and to ther successours, of the forsaid religious women and ther successours, frely wele and in pease for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaid Religious women and to ther successours xij. s*hillings* of good and lawfull money at ij. t*er*mes of the yere by even porcions, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. s*hillings* and at our lady day in marche vj. s*hillings*, for all seruyce. And the forsaid abbesse and Couente and ther successours shold warantize and defende for eu*er* the forsaid tenement, w*ith* the Curtilage, and p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Rector and scolers, and to ther successours, ayenst all mortall men. Also hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid Religious women and to ther successours, by them-self, or by ther procuratour*e* or attorney, yf nede were, to entre the forsaid tenement, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, for the arreragis of the forsaid rente, yf there were ony, And also in two tenement*es* of the forsaid Rector and scolers (into whos-so-eu*er* handes they come), and þ*ere* to distreyne, and to hold the distreynyngis, tille hit were fully I-satisfyed to the forsaid Religious women of the arreragis of the forsaid rente: of the which forsaid tenementis, the one is I-called herthalle [1], that is I-sette bitwene the tenemente of the vnyu*er*site of Oxenford I-called Blakhalle of the west p*ar*te and the tenemente of the prioresse and Couente of Stodley that is I-called Sheldhalle of the Est p*ar*te (And [2] the tenemente of Adam Spaldhek) in seynt Petir parissh in the Est, and another tenemente I-bilde in the same parissh, I-called Artur hall [1], bitwene the tenemente of the abbot and couente of Oseneye of the Est p*ar*te and the tenement of Adam Spaldhek of the west p*ar*te. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the fest of seynt George, the yere of our lord a thousand thre hundred and xviij.

at a quit-rent of 12*s*.

Right of distraint not only in that tenement

but in Hart Hall

and Arthur Hall.

[George = April 23.]

[1] Wood's *Colleges and Halls*, 640. [2] Omit the bracketed words: see no. 704.

[704.] * A Charter of kyng Edward for Stapuldon halle in Oxenford. * leaf 134, back. 1319, Oct. 30.

THE sentence of this charter is that kyng Edward, by the grace of god * kyng of Englond lord of Irlond and duke of Gyen, willed to be know to all peple, to [whom] these lettres shold come, helthe. Saiyng after in this wise, we haue I-sey a writyng I-chartered bitwene the wele I-loved to vs in crist thabbesse and mynchons of Godestowe of the one parte, and the Rector and scolers of Stapuldon halle of Oxenford of the other parte, I-made into thise wordes: This is the couenaunte I-made, bitwene the Religious women Margerye Dyne by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe and the Couente of the same place of the one parte, and the Rector and scolers of Stapeldon halle of Oxenford of the other parte, that is to sey, that the forsaid abbesse and Couente graunted and toke, for them and ther successours, to a fee-ferme for ever, to the forsaid Rector and scolers one tenemente, with a curtilage liyng to, with all his pertynentis, in the towne of Oxenford, the which is I-sette bitwene the tenemente of the said rector and scolers that was somtyme of maister Petir Skelton of the west parte and the tenement that was of Thomas hengsey in seynt Mildredes parissh toward or agaynst the towne walles of the Est parte: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid rector and scolers and to ther successours, of the forsaid religious women and of ther successours, frely wele and in pease for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaid religious women and to ther successours xij. *shillings* of good and lawfull money at ij. termes of the yere, by even porcions, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. *shillings* and at our lady day in marche vj. *shillings*, for all seruyce. And the forsaid abbesse and Couente and ther successours warantized and defended for euer the forsaid tenement and Curtilage, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid rector and scolers, and to ther successours, ayenst all mortall men. Also hit shall be lawfull to the forsaid religious women and to ther successours to entre the forsaide tenemente, with all his pertynentis, yf hit were nede, by themself, or by ther procuratours or attorney, for the arreragis of the forsaid rente, yf ther were ony, and also in two tenementis of the forsaid Rector and scolers

* leaf 135.

Recitation by Edward II, of no. 703,

(in-to whos-so-eu*er* handes they come), and there to distreyne, and to hold' the distreynyngis, tille hit were fully I-satisfied' to the forsaid' religious women of the arreragis of the forsaid' rente, of the which forsaid' tenement [is] one is I-called' herthalle that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of the vnyu*er*site of Oxenford' I-called' Blakhalle of the west p*ar*te and the tenement of the prioresse and Couente of Stodeley that is I-called' Sheldhalle of the Est p*ar*te in seynt Petirs parissh in Est, And another tenemente is I-bilded' in the same parissh, I-called' Artur halle, bitwene the tenem*en*t of the abbot and couente of Oseney of the Est p*ar*te and the tenemente of Adam Spaldheyke of the west p*ar*te. Into witnesse of the which thynge bothe p*ar*ties put ther seales, eu*er*ych to others writyng. These beyng witnes, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the fest of Seynt George, the yere of oure lord' a thousand' CCC. xviij. The kyng, havyng this graunte and *takyng aforsaid' ratified' to his plesure, graunted' and confermed' them, for hym and his heires, al so moche as was in hym, to the forsaid' Rector and scolers and to ther successours, as the writyng aforsaid' resonably witnesseth. Into witnesse of the which, he made to be made thise his lettres patentes, hym-self beyng witnesse, at yorke, the xxx. day of Octobre the xiij. yere of his reigne.

[Oxford University.]

[Studley Priory.]

* leaf 135, back. and confirmation of it.

* leaf 137, back. About 1210.

* The parissh of Seynt Petir in the Bailly.

[705.] A Chart*er* of Petir fitz Geffrey and Alice his wyf I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for ij. meses in Oxenford' w*ith* the bildynges vpon the same meses, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Peter son of Jeffrey,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Petir fitz Geffrey and Alice his wyf, w*ith* the assente of henry ther son*e*, yaf, and graunted', to god' & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there *ser*uyng god, ij. meses in Oxenford', w*ith* the bildyng*es* beyng aboue the same meses, w*ith* all the p*er*tynentis, that is to sey, tho meses that ben bitwene the chirche of seynt Petir beside the castell and the house of Alfrey hore, for the helth of ther soules and of all ther aunceter*s* and successours, into pure and p*er*petuel almesse: To be hold' and to be had', so frely and quyetly for eu*er* as ony almesse was I-wonyd' best and freliest to be yeve, savyng the service of the lordes the which the same

of two messuages next the church,

meses oughten, to Walter Foliot and to his heires (that is to sey) xij. d̃. by the yere, and to William Harecourte and to his heires, ij. *shillings* by the yere, for all̃ services the which̃ longe to them or to ther heires: and hit is to be know that Petir fitz Geffrey and his heires oughten to * Warantize the said̃ meses to the forsaid̃ mynchons for euer. And that this, & *cetera*[1]. subject to quit-rents. * leaf 138.

[706.] * A Charter of Felice, abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to laurence halygode, for theire lond̃ beside seynt Petirs chirche-yerde be-side the Castell̃ of Oxenforde, & *cetera*. * leaf 138, back. About 1220.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Felice, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the same place, graunted̃ and lete to laurence halygode theire lond̃ the which̃ lieth̃ beside seynt Petirs chirch̃-yerde, beside the * Castell̃ of Oxenford̃[2] and the lond̃ that Robert Pultue held̃, with all̃ the bildyngis: To be had̃ and to be hold̃, al so longe as the said̃ laurence lived̃ or moolde his wyf the doughter of Thomas fitz With̃ (yf she ouerlived̃ hym and bode without husbond̃), yeldyng̃ therof yerely xx. *shillings* ij. d̃, for all̃ seruyce; wherof the forsaid̃ laurence ought to aquyte them ayenst Petir fitz Geffrey and Alice his wyf yerely of xx. *shillings* al so longe as they liveden̄, and to them, that is to sey, the abbesse and Couente abouesaid̃, ij. d̃. yerely at Mighelmasse. And after the decesse of Moolde[3] fitz Geffrey and alice his wyf, the forseid̃ laurence shold̃ yelde to the forsaid̃ house of Godestowe the forsaid̃ xx. *shillings*. And after the decesse of laurence and his wyf moolde, or yf she were wedded̃ to another man, the forsaid̃ lond̃ shold̃ abide and remayn̄, fre and quyte fro them and ther heires, to the howse of Godestowe, with all̃ the bildynges. And that this ther graunte, & *cetera*. * leaf 139. Lease for two lives, by Godstow, to Laurence Halegod and wife, of house next the churchyard; quit-rents, 20*s*. and 2*d*., re-marriage of the widow to break the lease.

[707.] * A quyte-clayme of Iohn halygood̃ and Anneys his wyf̃ made to the mynchons of Godestowe for an house beside the Chirche-yerde of seynt Petir in the Bailly. * leaf 137, back. About 1250.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iohn halygood̃ and Anneys his wyf yaf, graunted̃, and quyte-claymed̃, for them and Sale to Godstow, by John

[1] 'Torald cordwaner' is witness. [2] See nos. 523, 524. [3] Read 'Petir.'

Halegod, of his tenant's interest in a Godstow tenement (no. 706).

ther heires, to Emme Bluet, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couent of the same place, all the right and clayme that he had, or myght have, in a house, *with* the *per*tynentis, beside seynt Petir chirche hay[1] in the bailly, the which he held to ferme of the forsaid abbesse and Couent of Godestowe for xl. *shillings* yerely, the which house Petir fitz Geffrey yaf to the house of Godestowe in-to *per*petuel almesse, that is to sey, that nother Iohn nother Anneys his wyf nother ther heires shold never haue power to wronge[2] that house, *with* the *per*tynentis. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe yaf to them iiij. li. and an half of siluer to ther most grete nede. And for-as-moch as they wold that this relese and quyte-clayme shold be sure to them and to ther heir*es*, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £4 10s.

* leaf 138. About 1254.

[708.] * A quyte-clayme of Anneys somtyme the wyf of Iohn halygoode of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for a mese beside Seynt Petirs chirche-yerde in the Bailly, & *cetera*.

Sale to Godstow, by Agnes, widow of John Halegod, of all title in nos. 706, 707,

THE sentence of this chart*er* quyte-clayme is, that Anneys, the relicte of Iohn halygode of Oxenford, in her owne lawfull wedowhode and power, relesed graunted and quyte-claymed all his right and clayme that she had, or myght haue, to the abbesse of Godestowe, in the name of her dowery, into all that mese, *with* the bildyngis and all his othe*re* *per*tynentis, beside seynt Petirs chirche-yerde in the bailly, the which Iohn halygode somtyme her husbond held to ferme of the forsaid mynchons; And all her right and clayme that she had, or myght have, into all that mese, *with* his *per*tynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Richard Cokkesh*a*m of the one p*ar*te and the lond of Iohn Culuerd of the other, in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of her and her heires for eu*er*: So that the forsaid Anneys shold not have power afterward to axe ony right or occasion of right in the forsaid two meses, *with* ther *per*tynentis, nother in no other

and in a messuage in St. Giles.

[1] 'Hay' seems to mean the fence of the churchyard. The Latin is: 'iuxta cimiterium beati Petri in Ballio.'

[2] Mis-translation for 'claim.' The Latin is: 'neque unquam calumpniam in praedicta domo habere poterimus.'

wise, *with*-in the borough or *with*-out. And for this her relese and quyte-clayme, the said' mynchons yaf to her xvj. *shillings* viij. d'. before-handes. Into witnesse, & *cetera*[1]. Purchase-money, 16*s.* 8*d.*

[709.] * A quyte-clayme of Walter Goldsmyth I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for a mese with the partynentis, & *cetera*. * leaf 138. About 1254.

4 THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Walter Goldsmyth of Oxenford' graunted' lete and quyteclaymed', for hym and his heires for eu*er*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther *ser*uyng god and to serue for ever, all that mese, 8 *with* all his p*er*tynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond' of Raaf Sopere of the one p*ar*te and the lond' of William of the hille of the other p*ar*te, in seynt Petirs parissh of the west in the towne of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', for hym and his 12 heires, to the said' mynchons and to ther successours for ever, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, *with* all right and clayme that he had' or myght haue in the said' mese *with* all his p*er*tynentis. And for this graunte & *cetera*, the forsaid' mynchons 16 yaf to hym x. *shillings* of sterlynges in-to warisoñ. And that this graunte, & *cetera*[2]. Sale to Godstow, by Walter Goldsmith, of all title in a messuage. Purchase-money, 10*s.*

[710.] A Couenaunte bitwene dame Moolde Beauchamp̄, abbesse of Godestowe, and Adam Longe of Oxenford', for a mese I-called' halygoode halle, & *cetera*. 133⅞, Jan. 30.

THE sentence of this couenaunte is, that there was a couenaunte I-made bitwene dame moolde Bewchamp̄, abbesse of 20 Godestowe, and þe Covente of the same place of the one p*ar*te, and Adam longe of Oxenford' * of the other p*ar*te, in this wyse: that is to sey, that the said' abbesse and Couente toke, graunted', and lete to ferme, to the forsaid' Adam, fro the fest of the 24 Annun*c*iaciou*n* of oure lady next to be, vnto the t*er*me of xl. yere fro that tyme contynewelly folowyng fully complete, A mese in Oxenford', I-called' halygode-halle, in seynt Petir parissh in the Lease by Godstow, to Adam Long, * leaf 138, back. for 40 years,

[1] Adam Feteplace, *maior* of Oxford, is a witness.

[2] Among the witnesses are Adam Feteplace, *maior*, and John de Coleshulle and John Pady, *ballivi*, of Oxford.

of Halegod, hall (no. 706),

Bailly, I-sette bitwene the tenemente of the said abbesse and Couente of the South *parte* and the tenement of William Pennarde of the north *parte*: To be had and to be hold, *with* all his *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Adam to the *terme* of xl. yere aforsaid, yf he lived, of the said abbesse and Couente, yeldyng therof yerely to the said abbesse and Couente and to their successours xiij. *shillings* iiij. d. of sterlyngis, at iiij. vsuall *ter*mes of the yere by even porcions duryng the forsaide *terme*. And the forsaid Adam shold susteyn the said mese thurgh all the *ter*me aforsaid, *with* his owne costis, and shold repaire and amende the defawtes in the same whan hit were nede. And also he shold leve hit in al so good state or bett*er* as he resceived hit; and [yf] he bilded ony thyng of new, hit shold remayne to the said abbesse and Couente and to ther successours whan-so-ever the forsaid Adam yode away fro the said ferme. And hit shold not be lawfull to the said Adam to lete to ony man the said mese *with*-in the said *terme*, *with*out the assent of the said abbesse and Covente. Furthermore, yf the forsaid rente of xiij. *shillings* iiij. d. were behynde, in *parte* or in all, aft*er* the *ter*mes aboue I-sette, that god forbede, than hit shold be lawfull to the said abbesse and Couente and to ther success*ours* to entre the said mese and to distreyne the aforenamed Adam thurgh all his catall I-founde bothe in the said mesis or els-where, and to holde the distreynyngis tille that hit were fully I-satisfyed of the said rente and of the arreragis of them, yf there were ony, and to hold agayne the said mese, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, into ther owne vsis for eu*er*, *with*-out ony man*er* impedimente or reteynyng of ony man*er* men. And yf hit happ*e* the said Adam to decesse *with*-in the said *terme*, than the said mese shold turne agayn fully to the said abbesse and Couente, anon after the decese of hym, *with* all his *per*tynentis, *with*-out ony agayn-saiyng. And the forsaide Abbesse and Couente and ther successours shold warantiȝe and defende the said mese, *with* all his *per*tynentis, to the said Adam duryng the *terme* of xl. yere aforsaid, yf he lived, in the forme aforsaid. Into witnesse they put to their seales, eu*er*ych to others writyng. The date at Godestow, the friday next afore Candelmasse, the xij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the conquest.

yearly rent, 13*s.* 4*d.*,

under obligation to repair,

and to leave new buildings (if any) to Godstow, and under covenant not to sub-let.

Powers of distraint.

Death of lessee to terminate the lease.

[Candlemas = Febr. 2.]

[ST. PETER'S PARISH IN THE EAST. See under Holywell parish, and under Wolvercote in Oxfordshire.]

*** The parissh of Seynt Thomas.** * leaf 139.

[711.] A Charter of Iohane the doughter of Osbert Smarth of Oxenford I-made to hugh hore of Oxenford for a parte of her londe, & *cetera*. About 1254.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohane, the doughter of Osbert Smarth of Oxenford, in her owne fre wedowhode, yaf & *cetera*, to hugh hore, mercere, of Oxenford, a parte of her lond the which the forsaid Osbert her fadir yaf into fre mariage, that is to sey, that parte the which is I-couered with stone, with all his pertynentis, the which is bitwene ther parte of that lond and the lond of Thomas fitz Walter in the which that tyme William Witney dwelled, in seynt Thomas parissh the martir, toward the brynke of Thamyse, in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires or to whom or which so-euer he wold yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit, in helthe or in sikenesse, with-in religion or with-out, frely quyetly holy pesibly and worshipfully for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to the prioresse of litelmore or to her attorney xij. d. at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse iij. d, at cristmasse iij. d, at our lady day in marche iij. d, and at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist iij. d; and to the said Iohane and to her heires j. d. at Mighelmasse, for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And Iohane and her heires warantized all the forsaid parte of the lond afore I-named to the forsaid hugh and to his heires and to his assignes ayenst all men, bothe cristen and Iewes for euer. * And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid hugh yaf to her afore-handes two marke of siluer into warison to his grete nede. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*[1].

Sale to Hugh Hore, by Joan Smarth, of land next the Thames,

subject to quit-rents of 1*s.* to Littlemore Priory, and of 1*d.* to the mesne lord.

* leaf 139, back. Purchase-money, £1 6*s.* 8*d.*

[712.] A Charter of Walter fitz Robert of Sheueleswelle I-made to Alisaundre Couele myllere and to moolde his wyf for all his lond with þe pertinentes. About 1280.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Robert of Sheueleswelle[2] yaf, & *cetera*, to Alisaundre Couele and to molde

Sale to Alexander of Cowley,

[1] Among the witnesses are Adam Feteplace, *maior*; Adam son of Walter and Robert Bonvaleth, *ballivi*, of Oxford.

[2] In the Latin 'Cheveleswelle' in the rubric, but 'Sheveleswelle' in the text.

by Walter of (? Childswell), of land,

his wyf, all his lond, *with* all the *per*tynentis, that lond, that is to sey, the which is beside the londe somtyme of humfrey Fissher of the one *par*te and the kyngis wey of the other *par*te, in seynt Thomas parissh the martir, in the subarbis of Oxenford, the which lond fille to hym by the name of his fadir heritably: To be had and to be hold, *with* all his *per*tynentis, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said Alisaundre and molde his wyf and to ther heires or ther assignes or whom-so-eu*er* or which-so-eu*er* and whan-so-eu*er* he wolde yeve bequeth selle or assigne hit, frely quyetly wele and in pease for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to the abbot of Oseneye vj. *shillings* at ij. *ter*mes, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse iij. *shillings* and at oure lady day in march iij. *shillings*; And to hym and to his heires at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist j. clowe-gelofre, for all seculer *ser*uyce exaccion and demaunde. And the fore-named Walter and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended for eu*er* the said lond, *with* all his *per*tynentis, to the forenamed Alisaundre and to Mawde his wyf. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Alisaundre and molde his wyf yaf to hym vj. mark, and j. half marke of sterlyngis before handes in warison. And that this his yifte sholde be sure, & *cetera*[1].

subject to quit-rents of 6*s.* to Oseney,

and a clove at Midsummer to the mesne lord.

Purchase-money, £4 6*s.* 8*d.*

[Rollright.]

[Note.—Godstow held tithe in Rollright prior to pope Eugenius III's confirmation (no. 901) in 1145, and so probably of the gift of Thurstan, 'dispensator' to Henry II. His son Thomas, who is mentioned in the first deed following, was apparently rector of Rollright. This tithe seems lost or alienated before the *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* of pope Nicholas IV in 1291.]

* leaf 156, back. About 1184.

[713.] * An amycable composicion bitwene the Abbesse of Godestowe and Thomas fitz Turstyn*e*, vpon the Tythes of the Demaynes of Rollendrith, & *cetera*.

* leaf 157. Agreement with Godstow, by Thomas Despencer,

* The sentence of this frendly composicion is, that ther was a contrau*er*sie I-meved bitwene the Abbesse of Godestowe and Thomas fitz Turstyn*e*, vpon the tythes of the demayn of Rollendrith: at the last hit was accorded in this wyse, *þat* is to sey,

[1] Among the witnesses are Henry Owayn, *maior*, and Nicholas Goldsmith and Elias le coilter, *ballivi*, of Oxford: Jeffrey piscator, &c.

that the forsaid' Thomas and his successours shold' pay to þe chirch of Godestowe euery yere viij. *shillings* of the forsaid' chirch of Rollendrith in the name of the forsaid' tythes, in the fest of seynt Mighell; so, that is to sey, þat the chirch of Godestowe by the occasion of the forsaid' rent shold' neuer have no chalenge of right in the forsaid' chirch. This couenaunte confermed' the forsaid' Thomas, with an othe bodely. And bothe he and his fadir Turstyne strengthed' hit with the puttyng to of the[r] seale. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

that the rectors of Rollright shall pay Godstow 8*s*. yearly in lieu of tithe.

[Note.—This document seems to provide a hitherto unknown abbess about the beginning of the list. It begins: 'Sciant . . . quod Agnes abbatissa de Godestowe.' The witnesses (Exchequer MS., leaf 140) are Godfrey, abbot of Eynsham (1152–96), Philip, prior of St. Frideswyde's (1180–92), Richard, deputy archdeacon of Oxford (1186 onwards), and Luke, janitor of Godstow. The agreement was reached 'in sinodo Oxon,' i. e. the annual meeting of the clergy of the archdeaconry of Oxford. Rev. H. Salter points out the interesting fact that the monk of Eynsham, in his vision at Easter 1196, saw in mild torments a venerable abbess 'of a neighbouring convent,' who had died 'presenti anno' (April 1195—April 1196). This must be Godstow, since Littlemore and Studley were under prioresses. Probably, therefore, we have, in 1195, the death of this Agnes.]

[714.] * A-nother Charter of Turstan the kyngis boteler confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe the forsaid' viij. *shillings*. 1234, Nov. 29.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Turstan the kynges botelere[1] of Englond', with the consent and wille of ser Raaf Botelere his brother and person of the chirch of Rollendrith, confermed' with this his present charter, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe, the yifte of his auncetours, þat is to sey, viij. *shillings* yerely, the which they were I-woned' to take for þe tithes of his demayn of Rollendrith, that fro that tyme forth the said' mynchons shold' take frely quyetly and pesibly the said' viij. *shillings* yerely of the said' Raaf his brother and of his successours for euer. And that this confirmacion and yifte of his auncetours, & *cetera*. The date, in the yere of grace a M'.CC.xxxiiij., in the vigile of Seynt Andrew, at Godestowe.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Thurstan Despencer, of no. 713.

[1] 'dispensator' in the Latin.

1234, Nov. 29.

[715.] A Charter of Raaf Spenser, person of the chirch of Rollendrith, confermyng the same viij. shillings & cetera.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Ralph Despencer, rector of Rollright, of no. 713.

THE sentence of this charter is that Raaf Spenser, person[1] of the chirch of Rollendrith, wele knew and confermed with this present charter, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, viij. shillings of rente, the which they toke of hym, and of his auncetors of the chirch of Rollendrith they were I-wonyd to take euery yere in the name of a ferme, that is to sey, for the tythes of the demayn of sire Turstan the kyngis boteler of Englond: wherfor the same Raaf by-hete and promysed, by his feith, to god and to oure lady and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons of the same place, the said viij. shillings yerely at Mighelmasse, without ony withholdyng and agayn-saiyng, as his predecessours had I-paid. And that this his recognycion and paiyng shold be sure, & cetera.

[SHILLINGFORD, with Bensington, and Warborough.]

[NOTE.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow received from the demesne land at Shillingford a rent of 16 quarters of wheat and 16 quarters of barley. Wheat was then valued at 5*s.* a quarter and barley at 3*s.*, making the land worth £6 8*s.* a year. The yearly quit-rents from the copyholds came to £2 12*s.* 8*d.* A sum of 7*d.* was paid to the Prince of Wales, as Earl of Cornwall, as due to his court of Bensington.]

* leaf 162, back. About 1140.

[716.] *A Charter of kynge Stephyn, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for ij. hydis of lond and an half and half a yerd of londe in Shillyngforde.

Grant to Godstow, by king Stephen,

of 2½ hides + ½ a yardland.

THE sentence of this charter is that kynge Stephyn willed to be know to the Bisshop of lyncolne, and to Iusticis, Sherefis, Barons and mynystres, and to all his trew men of Oxenfordshire, that he yaf and graunted, into perpetuel almesse, to the chirch of oure lady of Godestowe and to the mynchons seruyng god in hit, ij. hides of lond and j. half, and half a yerde, in Shillyngforde: wherfor he willed and comaunded that that chirche and mynchons shold haue that lond, wele and in pease,

[1] 'rector' in the Latin (Exchequer MS., leaf 140, back).

frely and quyetely, with all fre customes perteynyng to the same lond, and that londe to be lowse and quyet fro all seculer exaccion and seruyce. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

[717.] *A Charter of Walter, Archedekon of Oxenford, for the lond of Shillyngford the which Brytyn his leman held, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe. * leaf 158, back. About 1140.

4 * THE sentence of this evidence is, that Walter, Archedekon of Oxenford, shewyng that he made the chirche of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe heire of the lond of Shillyngford, the which Brytyn his leman held by right heritage, and wherof she made 8 hym heire. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 159. Grant to Godstow, by Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, of land.

[NOTE.—The Latin is: 'hereditavi ecclesiam de Godstow de terra de Schillingford quam Brityna amica mea hereditario jure tenuit et inde ipsa hereditavit me.']

[718.] *A Charter of Moolde the Emperesse I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe for the londe of Shillyngforde, & *cetera*. * leaf 161, back. About 1142.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Moolde the Emperesse the doughter of kyng henry and lady of Englond, and henry her sone, willed to be know to Archebisshoppes, bishoppes, Abbottis, 12 Erles, Barons, Iustices, Sherefes, Mynystres, and to ther trew men (Frenssh and Englissh) of all Englond, that they yaf, and graunted, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons there seruyng god for euer, into perpetuel almesse, for the soule of 16 henry her fadir, Moolde the quene her modir, and of all her trew auncetours dede, and for the helth of the sowles of her lord[1] Geffrey duke of Aunge and her, and for the state of the kyngdome of Englond, the lond of Shillyngford, the which is of the 20 tenure of Bensynton, that Raaf Scribe held to ferme euery yere for lij. *shillings* vj. d. They willed also and comavnded that they shold hold hit al so worshipfully wele and pesibly, frely and quyetly, with tol and team, sok, and sake, Infangetiethef, and 24 all other customes and fredoms, with ony almesse in Englond, most freliest, quyettisly, and best, I-holde. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Grant, or Confirmation, to Godstow, by Maud empress, lady of England, and her son Henry, of no. 716, now described as Ralph Scribe's land (held at £2 12*s*. 6*d*. yearly)

and its manorial rights.

[1] Geoffrey V. of Anjou died 1150. This deed, from the wording, is therefore earlier than that date.

* leaf 158, back. About 1160.

[719.] *A Charter of Geffrey Iuore, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for a lond that is I-called the Gare.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Jeffrey of Ivore, of land

THE sentence of this charter is, that Geffrey Iuore yaf, & *cetera*, for the helthe of his soule and of his predecessours and successours, yelded and graunted, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, the lond that is I-called in englissh the Gare, beside the wey by[1] the which hit is to go fro werborow to holecombe of the sowthe-west side, where Edward dwelled, right I-know in the same lond of the forsaid holy mynchons, by the witnesse of his halymote: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, frely and quyetly fro all seculer seruyce and exaccion, into perpetuel almesse and euerlastyng possession. Of this recognycion of the right of the said mynchons, yeldyng, and of his graunte, these were witnesse vndir-writte: Alurede[2], abbot of Dorchester, & *cetera*, and also his hallymote, by whos conscience the recognycion of right of longe tyme of the forsaid mynchons, fully I-made and I-confermed, sholde never be wyth-drawe.

[Warborough.]

unjustly occupied by him,

made in his manorial court.

About 1160.

[720.] A Recognycion of Geffrey of Iuore, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for half a yerd of lond the which was of Wulrice Hargnorde, and of a mede I-called letle mede, and Commune pasture.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Jeffrey of Ivore, of land, meadow, and pasture-rights, unjustly occupied by him.

THE sentence of this evidence is, that Geffrey Iuore, after the recognycion I-made of the right of the mynchons of Godestowe of the half yerde of lond the which he had hold longe wrongfully, that is to sey, that that was of wulrice haignorde, and of a mede that is I-called letlemede, and[3] commyne pasture, as the charter of the Emperesse witnessith, of the yifte and of the confirmacion of the kyng, so he yelded to them, vttirly and quyetly and frely, to be hold as fre almesse. These beyng, & *cetera*.

[1] In the Latin: 'viam qua itur de Guerburga ad Holecumbe a parte australi occidentis.'

[2] Alfred, abbot of Dorchester, 1146–63.

[3] 'Commune a pasture' in margin.

[721.] * A Charter of William fitz Geffrey of Wardeborow, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for all his parte that he had in a pasture that is I-called the lynche. * leaf 158. About 1200?

Grant to Godstow, by William son of Jeffrey, of Warborough, of his interest in 'the Lynch' (pasture) in Bensington.

THE sentence of this charter is that William fitz Geffrey wardeborow yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, all his parte
4 that he had in a pasture[1] that is I-called the lynche in the maner of Bensynton. And for al so moche as he wold that his yifte, & *cetera*.

[722.] * A Charter of Walter Angetil, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for j. acre of londe in Scillyngforde. * leaf 157. About 1200?

Grant to Godstow, by Walter son of Angetil, of 1 acre,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Angetil for
8 goddis sake and for the helth of his soule and of his auncetours and successours, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, j. acre of lond in the feld of Scillyngforde, in a tilthe that is I-called
12 presteforlonge, that is to sey, that þat is next to the lond of the same abbesse and Couente after the departyng of the lond of William fitz Rikild; and all the parte of his pasture of the lynche, the which longed to hym: To be had and to be hold,
16 of hym and his heires, frely and quyetly * fro all seculer seruyce and demaunde for euer. And the same Walter and his heires warantized the forsaid acre of lond and the forsaid pasture to the forsaid mynchons Ayenst all men. And that this his charter,
20 & *cetera*.

and his interest in 'the Lynch.'

* leaf 157, back.

[723.] A Charter of Walter fitz Anketil, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for ij. acris of lond in the feld of Bensynton. About 1200?

Grant to Godstow, by Walter son of Anketil, of 2 acres in Bensington,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Anketil yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, into pure and perpetuel almesse ij. acris of his lond
24 in the feld of Bensynton, with his pertynentis, in a tilthe that is I-called presteforlonge, that is to sey, j. acre[2] that lieth bitwene

[1] 'Pasture' in margin.
[2] 'Pasture for ij Akers yn bensyndon,' in margin.

and of his interest in 'the Lynch.'

the abbesse lond' in the same tilthe, and another þat is I-called' Fordhsotere bitwene the lond' of sire fitz Fowke and the lond' of Roger fitz Roger; and all his parte that is I-called' the lynche. And the forsaid' Walter and his heires warantized' the forsaid' acris, with the pasture, to the forsaid' mynchons. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

About 1250?

[724.] A Charter of Walter Cotel, I-made to the mynchons of Godestow, for iij. acris in the feld' of Scillyngforde, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Walter Cotel,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter Cotel yaf, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god', for the helth of his soule and of his fadir and modir sowles and his auncetours and successours, into pure and perpetuel almesse, iij. acris of lond' in þe feld' of Scillyngford', as ony almesse myght be best and freliest I-yeve, that is to sey, tho the which he held' heritably of the fee of Richard' Restwelle, that is to sey, j. acre at the hede of the tilthe that is I-called' trente Acris[1], the which strecchith into grenewey, and ij. acris in streteforlonge, the which strecch into the wey bitwene Scillyngford' and Sildenebrige[2]. And that this his yifte, [& *cetera*].

of 1 acre, and of 2 acres.

* leaf 158. About 1250?

[725.] *A Charter of Milo Richemount, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for j. half acre in the towne of Scillyngforde.

Grant to Godstow, by Milo Richmont, of a half-acre.

THE sentence of this charter is that Mylo Richemount yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, j. half acre of lond' in the towne of Scillyngford', that is to sey, that that is in the feld' of Occhestowe, the which lieth bitwene the lond' of the Abbesse of Godestowe, that is to sey, bytwene one acre of lond' of the one partie and half an acre on the other parte: To be hold' and to be had', frely quyetly and pesibly, to be possessed' into pure and perpetuell almesse. And that, & *cetera*.

[1] ? Thirty-acres. [2] ? Shillingford Bridge.

[726.] A Charter of Richard fitz Restewolde confermyng to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ij. acris of Lond in Scillyngford. About 1250?

Sale to Godstow, by Richard son of Restwold, of 2 acres.

THE sentence of this charter is that Richard fitz Restewold confermed, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, ij. acris of lond, of the which one acre
4 lieth beside the x. acris the which ben to the forsaid mynchons, that is to sey, that same that strecchith hit-self into that forere that lieth atte hede of the same crofte the which Robert Smyth held; and another acre that lieth bitwene the lond of the forsaid
8 mynchons and the lond of Gerard Shelyngford in merisforlonge, that, that is to sey, that strecchith toward the South into þe common pasture of wardborow and toward the north into a Forere þe which Robert kyngesham held: To be had and to
12 be hold, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, into pure and perpetuell almesse. And Richard fitz Restewold acquyted to the forsaid chirch and to the holy mynchons the forsaid acris fro all seculer seruyce and exaccion. And yf hit happened that
16 they[1] myght not warantize, then he sholde yeve to them eschaunge to the worthe of the same acris in al thynges of there[2] other tenement. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym xxx. *shillings* of siluer of the charite of ther howse.
20 And that, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £1 10s.

[727.] * A Charter of Raaf Restewelle fitz Richard Restwelle of Bensynton confermyng to the mynchons of Godestow all the lond that he[3] had of Richard his fadir. * leaf 157, back. About 1260.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Ralph son of Richard son of Restwold, of lands given by his father, and grant of an additional headland.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raaf fitz Richard Restewolle confermed, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for ever, all the lond
24 that he[3] had of the yifte of Richard his fadir, as the charter of the same Richard Restewelle, the which they have, shewith and witnessith; And forere or forowe of his lond in the feld of Scillyngforde: the tilthe strecchith vpon a tilthe of the lady
28 Abbesse of bothe partie, And the forsaid forere strecchith hit-self vpon the lond of the Abbesse in the west parte And in the Est parte hit strecchith hit-self vpon the lond of the kyng of

[1] Read 'he.' [2] Read 'his.' [3] Read 'they.'

Almayñ[1] in the maner of Bensyntoñ: To be had' and to be hold', frely quyetly holy wele and in pease fro all' seculer exaccioñ, demaunde, seculer seruyce, and sute of Courte, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, al so goodly and frely as ony almesse myght be yove for euer. And the forsaid' Raaf fitz Restwel and his heires or his assignes shold' warantize aquyte and defende for euer all' the forsaid' lond', as hit is dyuyded', to the forsaid' mynchons *and to there successours ayenst all' men and women. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*.

*leaf 158.

1295, April 21.

[728.] A quyte-clayme of henry Mylis of Shillyngford' I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. acre of londe.

Sale to Godstow, by Henry Miles, for 10s.,

THE sentence of this quyteclayme is, that henry Mylys yaf graunted' relesed' and vtterly quyte-claymed', for hym and his heires or his assignes for ever, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place, for x. *shillings* of siluer the which Iohn Stablere of bloxham yaf hym before-handis into warisoñ, all' his right and clayme that he euer had' or myght haue in ony wise in one acre of arable lond', with *the pertynentis, the which he held' of the forsaid' abbesse and Couente, the which lieth in the feld' of Scillyngford' bitwene his lond' and the lond' of Iohn Coppe And strecchith hit-self toward' the south parte in-to the kyngis wey and toward' the north parte in a tilthe that is called' Stanlynke: To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' abbesse and Couente and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele pesibly holy and by right heritage, without ony withholdyng of hym or his heires or his assignes for euer: so, that is to sey, that nother the forsaid' henry Mylis, nother his heires, nother his assignes, ne none other for hym or in his right, myght neuer clayme, chalange, take, reclayme, nother axe, fro that tyme forth, ony thyng of right, or of clayme, or of wronge, in the forsaid' acre of lond', with the pertynentis. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*. The date at Shillyngford', the thursday next afore the fest of Seynt George martir, the xxix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward' the sone of kynge henry.

of all claim in an acre.

*leaf 158, back.

[George = Apr. 23.]

[1] Richard, earl of Cornwall, elected King of the Romans, 1256.

[729.] *A Charter of Ascelyne, the doughter of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngforde, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for all that land and tenement that come to her by right heritage of her fadir. * leaf 159. 1321, June 27.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Ascelyn the doughter of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngford, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, all that land and tenement the which come to her by right heritage, after the deth of the said Richard her fadir, in the towne and the feldes of Shillyngford and Warborow, that is to sey, ij. acris of arable land liyng to-gedir in the felde of Shillyngford, bitwene the land of the abbesse of Godestowe and the land of Symond Preste, and they strecche them-self fro the north toward the sowthe beside the kyngis wey; And j. acre liyng in le groundell, beside the land somtyme of henry Sturmonde of either side, And hit strecchith hit-self fro the north toward the South beside the kyngis hye wey; and ij. acris liyng to-gedir in west-crofte, beside the land of the abbesse of Godestowe of the one partie and þe kyngis wey of the other parte, and hit strecchith fro the Est toward þe west; And j. land liyng in the feld of Warborow in Chalkeforlonge, beside the land of the abbesse of Godestowe, And hit strecchith fro the north toward the sowth; And j. acre liyng in the same quarter or quarenten bitwene the land of William Cotere and the land of William Blundell; And j. acre liyng in the same feld, bitwene the land of the Abbesse of Godestow of the Est parte and the land of Iohn Atthelam of the west parte, And hit strecchith fro the north into the South; And one acre liyng at litelmerssh, bitwene the land of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the land of William Gerard of Bensynton, and hit strecchith hit-self fro the Est toward the west; And one hede acre liyng in puse-furlonge, beside the land of the abbesse of Godestowe of the est parte, and hit strecchith hit-self fro the north toward the Sowthe; And ij. acris liyng to-gedir in the feld of Shillyngford beside the land of hugh lyard, And hit strecchith fro the north toward the sowthe; And iij. acris of mede liyng to-gedris in the mede of the abbesse of Godestowe of either side: To be had and to be hold, with all the pertynentis in ony wise perteynyng

Grant to Godstow, by Ascelyne Tokeman, of lands in Shillingford and Warborough, viz. 12 acres arable, and 3 acres meadow,

to the said lond, of the chief lordis of the fee by seruyce dew and I-wonyd therof. And the forsaid Ascelyne and her heires warantiȝed and defended for euer all the forsaid lond, with all his pertynentis[1], medis, fedyngis, and pasturis aforsaid, 4 to the forsaid chirch and mynchons ayenst all peple. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*, shold abide sure for euer, she strengthed hit with the pryntyng of her seale, the saturday next after the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist, the xiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng 8 Edward the sone of kyng Edward. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

with rights of pasture.

* leaf 160, back. 1322, July 24.

[730.] * A Charter of Ascelyne, the doughtir of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngforde, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for all that lond and tenement that come to her by right heritage, & *cetera*.

Duplicate of no. 729, but with later date.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Ascelyne, the doughtir of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngford, yaf, & *cetera*, to god 12 & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, all that tenement and lond that come to her by right heritage, after the deth of Richard aforsaid her fadir, in the towne and feldes of Shillyngford and Warborow, that is to sey, 16 ij. acris of arable lond liyng to-gedir in the feld of Shillyngford, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Symond Prest, and strecchith hem-self fro the north toward the sowthe beside the kyngis wey; And j. acre liyng in le 20 grundle, bitwene the lond somtyme of henry Sturmond of either parte, and strecchith hit-self fro the northe toward the sowthe beside the kyngis wey; And ij. acris liyng to-gedir in west-crofte, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe of the one 24 parte and the kyngis wey of the other, and they strecche them-self fro the Est toward the west; And one acre liyng in the felde of Warborow in Chalkeforlonge, beside the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe, * And strecchith hit-self fro the north to 28 the sowthe; And j. acre liyng in the same quarentene or quarter, bitwene the lond of William Cotere and the lond of William Blundel; And j. acre liyng in the same feld, bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestow of the Est parte and the lond of Iohn 32

* leaf 161.

[1] *Pasture*, in margin.

Athelam of the west *par*te, and hit strecchith hit-self fro the north into the sowthe; And j. acre liyng in litelmerssh, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Walt*er* 4 Gerard of bensynton, and hit strecchith hit-self fro the Est toward the west; And j. hede acre liyng in puseforlonge, beside the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe of the Est and hit strecchith hit-self fro the north toward the sowthe; And ij. acris 8 liyng to-gedir in the feld of Shillyngford, beside the lond of hugh lyard, and they strecche hem-self fro the north toward the sowthe; And iij. acris of mede liyng to-gedir in the mede of the Abbesse of Godestowe of either p*ar*te: To be had and to be 12 hold, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis longyng to the said lond, of the chief lordis of the fee by dew s*er*uyce therof and I-wonyd. And the forsaid Ascelyn*e* warantized and defended for eu*er* all the forsaid lond, w*ith* all his[1] p*er*tynentis, medys, fedyngis, and 16 pasturis, to the forsaid chirch and mynchons, ayenst all peple. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*, shold be sure, she strengthed þis p*re*sent chart*er* w*ith* the pryntyng of her seale. The saturday next aft*er* the fest of Seynt marye Mawdeleyn, the xvj. yere 20 of the reigne of kyng Edward.

[731.] * A Chart*er* of the Abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to walt*er* lieveson of Bensynton and to Emme his wyf and to william ther son, for a Cotage in Shillyngforde, & *cetera*.

* leaf 159, back. 1322, April 11.

Lease for three lives, by Godstow, to Walter Leveson, his wife, and son, of a cottage, with pasture-rights,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that the Abbesse of Godestowe and þe Couente of the same place, w*ith* one assent and consent, graunted, & *cetera*, to walt*er* lieveson of Bensynton 24 and to Emme his wyf and to william ther son to the t*er*me of her[2] lyf, all that Cotage that Iohn Bacoun*e* held somtyme of them in Shillyngford; And also pasture for iij. kene[3] at the brech, the which the same Iohn held also of them: To be had 28 and to be hold, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Walt*er*, Emme, and William, to the t*er*me of ther lyf, or to one of them the which over-lived the other, yeldyng therof to them and to ther successours yerely iiij. s*hillings* of siluer at ij. vsuell yearly rent, 4s. 32 t*er*mes of the yere, by even porcion, that is to sey, in the fest of

[1] *Pastures*, in margin.
[2] i.e. their.
[3] 'Pasture for iij. kyne at the Breche,' in margin.

seynt Mighell and of oure lady in Marche. And the forsaid Walt*er*, Emme, and William, shold susteyne the bildyng of the forsaid Cotage and in-closyng, to the t*er*me of the lyf of eu*er*ych of them, in such state or bett*er* that they resceived them. And the forsaid Abbesse and Couent sholde fynde yerely, to the holdyng vp aforsaid, j. acre of Stobill in the feld of Shillyngford, where-so-ever they wold assigne them, at theire owne wille to be gadered, w*ith* ther owne costis. And the forsaid Abbesse and Couente warantized, acquyted, and defended, the forsaid Cotage, w*ith* pasture, and w*ith* his other p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Walt*er*, Emme, and William ther son, to the t*er*me of ther lyf, ayenst all peple. Into witnesse of the which & *cetera.* The date at Godestow, the sonday next after the fest of seynt Ambrose, the xv. yere of the reigne of kynge * Edward the son of kynge Edwarde.

under obligation to repair,

Godstow providing stubble.

[Ambrose = April 4.]

* leaf 160.

* leaf 161. 1323, March 27.

[732.] * A quyte-clayme of William fitz Mylytende, knyght, of Shillyngford, quyte-claymyng to the religious ladyes of Godestowe, all the Right that he had in ij. acris and an half of lond liyng in the felde of Shillyngforde, & *cetera.*

Grant to Godstow, by Milicende, confirmed by her son,

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that William fitz Militende, knyght, of Shillyngford, relesed and vttirly quyte-claymed for eu*er*, of hym and his heires, to the Religious ladyes Margery Dyne, abbesse, and to the Couente of Godestowe and to ther successours, all his right and clayme *þat* he had, or myght have afterwarde by title of heritage, or in ony wise myght haue, in ij. acris of arable lond and an half liyng in the felde of Shillyngford, of the which, one lieth in Chalkeforlonge, buttyng vpon the lond of William Totere of the Est p*ar*te and the lond of Adam blundel of the west p*ar*te; And another acre lieth in the same feld, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe of the one p*ar*te and the lond of Athelam of the other; and half one acre lieth in westcrofte, bitwene the lond of Anneys levesone of the one p*ar*te and the lond of Anneys Rokemondes; in [1] medys, fedyngis, and pasturis, and [2] w*ith* his porcion of

of 2 acres,

and a half-acre,

with pasture-rights.

[1] *Pastures*, in margin.

[2] The deed recites the terms of the mother Milicende's grant. 'His' is in error for 'her.' The Latin runs: 'et cum porcione mea dotis.'

dowery, and *with* all his other *per*tynentis, the which the abouesaid religious women have, and have be I-wonyd to have, of the leuyng of the forsaid Mylitende his modir, of the lordship of the aboueseid religious women in Shillyngford: So that nother the forsaid William, nother his heires, nother none by hym, nother in his name, myght chalenge or axe afterward ony right or clayme in the abouesaid londis or tenementis, *with* medis fedyngis and pastures and *with* all ther other *per*tynentis, as hit is abouesaid, nother in *par*tie nother in all; But that they myght be excluded for eu*er* by this *pre*sent writyng. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Shillyngford, the Sonday next aft*er* the fest of the Annunciacion of our lady, the xvj. yere of the reigne * of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edwarde [1].

[Annunciation = March 25.]

* leaf 161, back.

[733.] * A Chart*er* of Moolde Bekenh*am*, I-made to Iohn Depe of Walyngford, for a place of a Curtilage in the towne of Shelyngford.

* leaf 159, back.

1332, Sept. 11.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Moold Bekenh*am* yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn Depe of Walyngford, one place of a curtilage liyng in the towne of Shillyngford, bitwene the mese of William Wullicus and the mese of Iohn Wullicus, and strecchith hit-self toward the Est vnto the kyngis wey and toward the west vnto the lond of the Abbesse of Godestow; and iiij. acris of arable lond liyng in the feldis of Shillyngforde; And half one acre liyng in the medes of the Abbesse of Godestow: To be had and to be hold, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, of the chief lordis of that fee by right se*r*uyce dew therof and I-wonyd of right for eu*er*. And the forsaid Moolde Bokenh*am* and her heires warantized and defended for eu*er* the forsaid place of a curtilage and iiij. acris *with* an half of mede and ther *per*tynentis to the forsaid Iohn his heires and assignes ayenst all peple. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*. The date at Warborow, the friday next aft*er* the fest of the Natyuyte of our lady, the vj^te yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde aft*er* the conquest.

Grant to John Deep, by Maud Beckenham, of a messuage,

4 acres arable, and a half-acre of meadow.

[Nativity of Mary = Sept. 8.]

[1] Date of Milicende's gift: possibly in error for Edward III, i. e. 1343, March 30. See no. 736.

* leaf 160. 133⅞, March 23.

[734.] *A Charter of Iohn Depe of Wallyngford, I-made to william leveson of Shillyngford, for a mese and a Curtilage in the same towne of Shillyngforde.

Grant to William Leveson, by John Deep, of no. 733.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Depe of Walyng-ford yaf, & *cetera*, to william leveson of Shillyngforde one mese with a curtilage in the towne of Shillyngford, I-sette bitwene the mese of William Willecus and the mese of Iohn Willecus, 4 and strecchith hit-self toward the Est vnto þe kyngis wey [and] west vnto the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe; and iij. acris and iij. roddys of arable lond; and j. half acre of mede, liyng in the mede of the abbesse of Godestowe in the towne of Shillyng- 8 ford;

of the which j. acre lieth bitwene the lond of william leveson; and another bitwene the lond of Walter Thoremonde of either parte, and hit strecchith toward the sowthe vnto the kyngis 12 wey that ledith toward Bensynton; And j. other acre lieth in the Gore, bitwene þe lond of the forsaid Abbesse and the lond of william leveson; And j. rode lieth in the Chalkeforlonge, bitwene the lond of the said Abbesse and the Est Forere; And 16 one other rode lieth in the x. acris, bitwene the lond of hugh lyard and the lond of the said Abbesse; And one lond lieth Est in le[-]strete, bitwene the lond of the said Abbesse and the lond of the said william leveson of the west parte; And the forsaid half 20 acre of mede lieth in the medys of the seid abbesse, bitwene the mede of the forsaid william leveson of þe west parte and the mede of the said abbesse of the Est parte:

To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, of the 24 chief lordis of that fee, by seruyce therof dew and I-woned of right for euer. And the forsaid Iohn and his heires warantized and defended for euer the forsaid mese, with the Curtilage, iij. acris iij. rodis of arable lond, and þe forsaid half acre of 28 mede, with ther pertynentis, to the forsaid william, his heires, and assignes, ayenst all peple. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Shillyngford, the thursday next after the fest of seynt Benet, Abbot, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the 32 thirde after the conquest.

[Benedict, abbot = March 21.]

[735.] A Charter of william leveson of Shillyngford, I-made to Iohn Bury of Morton, for a mese and a Curtilage in Shillyngforde. 1335, May 30.

Grant to John Bury, of Moreton, Berks, by William Leveson, of no. 733.

THE sentence of this charter is, that william leveson of Shillyngforde yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn Bury of Morton a mese with a curtilage in the towne of Shillyngford aforsaid, I-sette
4 bitwene the mese of Iohn Willecus of the one parte and the mese that Milencense the doughtir of henry Myles yaf to William Willecus of the other parte; and iij. acris and iij. rodis of arable lond; and half one acre of mede, the which he had of
8 the yifte and feffement of Iohn Depe, as hit is I-conteyned in the charter of the feffement of the same Iohn: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid Iohn, his heires, and his assignes, frely, quyetly, * wele, and in pease for
12 euer, of the chief lordes, by seruice dewe therof and I-wonyd of right. And the forsaid william warantized and defended for euer the forsaid mese, lond, and mede, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid Iohn and his heires and his assignes ayenst all
16 mortall peple. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Shillyngford, the Tewesday next after the fest of seynt Austyne, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the Conquest.

* leaf 160, back.

[Augustine = May 26.]

[736.] * A quyte-clayme of William Milsaunde of Shillyngford, quyteclaymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe, ij. acris and j. half acre of arable lond, with one half acre of mede in Shillyngforde, & *cetera*. * leaf 160, back. 1347, Nov. 11.

Confirmation to Godstow, by William son of Milsaunde, of no. 732.

20 THE sentence of this charter is that William Milsaunde of Shillyngford, relesed, remytted, and for euer quyte-claymed, of hym and his heires, to the ladies Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and to ther successours, ij. acris and half j. acre
24 of arable lond, with half an acre of mede liyng to the said lond, of the which one acre of lond lieth in Shalforlonge, buttyng vpon the lond of William Totere of the one parte and the lond of Adam Blundell of the other; And j. acre lieth in the same
28 feld bitwene the lond of the forsaid lady abbesse and the lond of Iohn Athelham; and half j. acre lieth in west crofte, bitwene the lond of Alice leveson and the lond somtyme of Rokemond;

And a parte of the mede lieth bitwene the mede of the said lady Abbesse that is I-called Burmede, strecchyng hit-self of bothe p*ar*ties; so that nother he, nother his heires, nother [any] by them or in ther name, in the forsaid lond and parte of mede, myght not, ne never ought to, chalenge ony thynge afterward ayenst the forsaid lady abbesse and Couente or ther successours. And the forsaid William and his heires warantized and defended for ever by this p*re*sent writyng the forsaid ij. acres and half one acre of arable lond and half j. acre of mede to the said lady abbesse and Couente and to ther successours ayenst all peple. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Shillyngforde, in the fest of seynt Martyn*e*, the xxj. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the thirde after the Conquest.

[Shipton-under-Wychwood.]

* leaf 149, back. About 1180.

[737.] *** A Chart*er* of Molde, Countesse of Clare, dough-t*er* of Iamys seynt hillary, I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe for a marke of siluer in Shipton.**

Grant to Godstow, by Maud, Countess of Clare, of a rent-charge of 6*s*. 8*d*.,

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Moolde, Countesse of Clare[1], dowghtir of Iamys seynt Hillary, yaf into p*er*petuell almesse, for the soules of her fadir and modir and for the soule of her lord Roger, erle of Clare, and for the helth of her sowle and of her heires, to seynt Iohn Baptist and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe the which day and nyght s*er*ue god, j. marke of siluer to be take to them

[Leaf missing.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 184, back. to buy wine on June 24, the patron saint's day.

[* on Michaelmas-day of the land which Richard son of Alan held in Sipethona, viz. of the land which Asculws of St. Hilary gave to Albric de Spineto. This gift was to buy them wine on St. John Baptist's day.

Witnesses:—James of Clare, Robert of Braibroc, Richard of Willecam, Henry of Eifforde.]

[1] Maud (of St. Hilary), widow of Roger (of Clare), 3rd earl of Hertford (died 1173).

[738.] * A Charter of Isabelle of Clare, lady of Berkley, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. marke of siluer in Shiptoñ. * leaf 148. 1328, Dec. 20.

Confirmation by Isabella of Clare, lady of Berkeley, of no. 737.

ISABELLE of Clare, lady of Berkley [1], willyng this writyng to be know to all cristen men, Seith in this wise, that she saw the charter of moolde, Countesse of Clare, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe in this wise:—'Be hit knowe to them that be now and to come, that Moolde, Countesse of Clare, the doughtir of Iamys seynt hillary, yaf into perpetuell almesse, for the sowles of her fadir and moder and for the sowle of her lorde Roger, Erle of Clare, and for the helth of her sowle and the helthe of ther heires, to god and to seynt Iohn Baptist and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe the which day and nyght serue god, j. marke of siluer to be take to them, in Mighelmasse day I-called, of the lond of the which Richard fitz Aleyn held in Shiptoñ, that is to sey of the lond the which Asculus of seynt hillary yaf to Albrike of Spinete. She yaf this a-forsaid Charter to the forsaid holy mynchons to bye them wyne in seynt Iohn Baptist day. And that this yifte, & *cetera*.' Also she confermed the same Charter, and ratefied it, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours to all ther lyf in the fourme aboue-said. Into witnesse of the which her seale was I-hanged to this present writyng. The date at Shiptoñ, the Tewesday next in the vigile of seynt Thomas the appostle, the seconde yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the conquest.

[SHOTOVER.]

[739. * Grant of wood in Shotover. * Exchequer MS. 134½, Feb. 25.

Grant to Godstow, by Edward III, of wood weekly.

EDWARD III, 25 Febr. of his 16 year of reign in England and 3 of France, granted to Maud of Beauchamp, abbess of Godstow, for her life-term, every week 3 carts of faggots ('bosc.') to be delivered by the foresters.]

[1] Isabel de Clare (died 1333), widow of Maurice, baron Berkeley (died 1326).

[Great Tew.]

[Note.—The rectory of Great Tew was purchased by money supplied by Margery Dyne, abbess of Godstow 1329–41. By her appointment the income was charged with £2 to keep her own anniversary; 13*s.* 4*d.*, to keep the anniversary of Laura de Hakynton, prioress, who in 1297 had been a benefactress (no. 660); and £2 to keep that of John Trulowe (probably the Trillawe of these deeds), and £2 to keep that of John Walweyn, also benefactors. At the dissolution, 1540, the rectory brought in £20 3*s.* 4*d.*, and the quit-rents on copyholds, £3 6*s.* 4*d.* One of the payments (*Monast.* iv. 372) was 2*s.* for a pound of pepper, to John Reynsforth. For a chantry service in Great Tew church, see no. 248.]

* leaf 166, back. About 1240? Grant to Robert Ingelot, by his father Roger,

[740.] *A Charter of Roger Ingelot of more Tywe, I-made to Robert his sone, for half of all his londe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Roger Ingelot of the more Tywe yaf, and graunted, lete, and delyuered, and with this present charter confermed, to Robert his sone, for his homage and seruyce, half of all his lond at the more Tywe, with the 4 pertynentis, as is declared in his writyng, that is to sey, half

* leaf 167. of a moiety of a messuage, and a yardland (with meadow), described by acres, half-acres, roods, and half-roods.

* of all his chief mese and half of all his gardeyne, that is to sey, the north parte of his gardeyne and of his mese, with iij. Cotagis, and half of all his half hyde with all pertynentis 8 bothe in arable lond and in mede, the which Ranulph, Erle of Chestir[1] sometyme yaf to hym:

that is to sey, in the westfeld at Middislade, half an acre, the which lieth beside the lond that was of Aleyne Thurberne; 12 [? half[2] an acre] in another tilthe that is I-called Middellade; j. yerde in a tilthe that is I-called merewelle; half j. acre in holewellehulle; j. half acre at Nectuke; half j. acre at serpelond; j. half acre at Banlond; j. yerde in the northfeld at Brekesme; 16 half an acre at loud watir; j. half acre at shortelongefurlong; half an acre beside Robert Baret at Shulebrede; half an acre at longefurlonge; half an acre beside [the lond] that was of william of welle in hurthwelfurlong; half an acre beside Robert Baret at her- 20 yngeborow; j. acre that lieth beside the lond that was of william of the welle at wowclyue; j. half acre beside william of welle at smalecombe; j. half acre at dudemede; j. yerde at heyclyue; j. half [acre] beside the lond that was of Richard yonge atte 24

[yerde = rood.]

[1] Ranulph Blundevil, 6th earl of Chester, died 1232.
[2] Omitted also in the Latin copy.

Brech̃; j. half acre beside the lond̃ that was of Rob*er*t Barat at Foxwelle; j. yerde at wodebrigge; j. half acre in the mede of arable lond̃ at Wolmersham; j. half acre at spercever; j. half
4 acre at groundehole; j. yerde of mede in the southe mede at the heldegore; j. half acre beside the lond̃ that was of Pulchelote atte herpe; j. yerde atte sonde; j. half yerde beside the lond̃ that was of Rob*er*t Barat atte Swynysty; j. yerde beside the
8 lond̃ of william of the welle at Berhull̃; j. yerde that lieth̃ beside the lond̃ that was of Pulchelote at Bernhullesford̃; j. yerde bitwene the wowes; j. yerde at Somersmore; j. yerde that lieth̃ beside the lond̃ that was of Rob*er*t Meregres, a portewey in the
12 sowthe p*ar*te; j. half acre at Bates*h*am; j. half acre beside the lond̃ that was of Rob*er*t Meregres atte Eldedich̃; j. half [acre] beside the lond̃ that was of Rob*er*t Baret atte porledstaple; j. yerde atte strate in the west p*ar*te; j. acre at Blakmunde-
16 lond̃; j. half [acre] beside the lond̃ that was of Rob*er*t Barat atte Shrobbes; j. half acre beside portewey; j. half acre at wite-welleslede the nether; j. half acre in t[h]e[1] sauth̃ fordyngmere; j. half acre at witewellehulle; j. half acre beside the lond̃ that
20 was of william of welle at wasteynshulle: To be had̃ and to be hold̃, of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires, or to whom-so-eu*er* he wold̃ yeve hem, or bequeth̃, or assigne in ony wise, frely, quyetly, pesibly, worshipfully, in towne
24 or out of towne, yeldyng̃ to hym and to his heires j. paire of white gloves at Ester for all̃ seruyce, exaccion̄, and demaunde, and sute, to hym or to his heires longyng̃, Savyng the s*er*uyce of xij. d̃. to be yelded̃ þ*er*of yerly to the chief lord̃ of that fee.
28 And the forsaid̃ Roger and his heires warantiꝛed̃ and defended̃ to the forsaid̃ Rob*er*t and to his heires or to his assignes all̃ the forsaid̃ lond̃, dyvided̃ by p*ar*ties, that is to sey, half of the lond̃, mese, gardeyn*e*, and mede, w*ith* all̃ ther p*er*tynentis, ayenst all̃
32 men. And þ*at* all̃ þese afor*e*, & c*etera*.

Quit-rent, to the mesne lord (i. e. immediate feudal superior) = a pair of white gloves at Easter; to chief lord of the fee, 12*d*. yearly.

[741.] *A conuencion I-made bitwene William Ingelot of more Tywe and Rob*er*t Wolmyron̄ for j. half acre of arable londe, & c*etera*. * leaf 167. A.D.1256.

* THE sentence of this evidence is, that, the xl. yere of the reigne of kynge henry the son*e* of kyng̃ Iohn̄, this couenaunte * leaf 167, back.

[1] MS. *inteeauth̃.*

Sixty years' lease to Robert Wolvyron, by William Ingelot, [Purchase-money, 12*s*.] of two half-acres.

was I-made bitwene William Ingelot of more Tywe of the one p*ar*tie, and Rob*er*t Wolmyron̄ of the other p*ar*tie, that is to sey, that the forsaid' William toke and lette to ferme to the forsaid' Rob*er*t, for xij. s*hillings* of sterlyngis the which he yaf before 4 handes into warison̄, j. half acre of arable lond' in the west feld' of more Tywe, wherof j. yerde lieth vndir the crofte of hendeman bitwene the lond' of William Frankeleyn*e* and the lond' of henry waryn*e*, And another yerde lieth in Middisladeheld' bitwene the 8 lon' of henry waryn*e* and the lond' of Nicholas atte Playstowe; And another half acre in the sowthe felde, atte olde gore, bitwene the lond' of Raaf Thurnberne and the lond' of Rob*er*t Barat, to the t*er*me of iij. score yere fully complete and folowyng, tille the 12 forsaid' Rob*er*t and his heires had' I-take all the goodes comyng forth therof fully w*it*hin the forsaid' t*er*me: To be had' and to be holde, to the forsaid' William and to his heires or assignes, or to whom-so-eu*er* or whan-so-eu*er* he wold' yeve, bequeth, selle, or 16 assigne the forsaid' lond', frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, w*it*h-in the forsaid' t*er*me, yeldyng therof yerely, to the forsaid' William and to his heires or assignes, j. clowe-gelofre at Cristmasse for all seculer s*er*uyce, and sutes of all man*er* of courtis, 20 exaccions, customs, and demaundes. And the forsaid' William and his heires or his assignes warantiȝed', acquyted', and defended', to the forsaid' Rob*er*t his heires or his assignes, w*it*hin the forsaid' t*er*me, by the forsaid' s*er*uyce, ayenst all men and women. And 24 to this couenaunt, & c*etera*.

Rent, a clove at Christmas.

* leaf 168, back. 1266, April 4.

[742.] * A Chart*er* of William fitȝ Iohn Ingelot to Rob*er*t fitȝ Rob*er*t Wlfrun̄ for j. half acre of arable lond' in more Tywe.

Lease for 2 lives to same Robert Wolfrun, and wife, by William Ingelot, of two half-acres, as in no. 741.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that William fitȝ Iohn Ingelot yaf, & c*etera*, to Rob*er*t fitȝ Rob*er*t Wlfran̄ of more Tywe and to Isabell his wyf the doughtir of Richarde Goderich, j. half acre 28 of arable lond' in the westfelde, that is to sey, j. yerde lieth vndir the crofte of hendeman̄ bytwene the lond' of William Frankeleyn*e* and the lond' of henry waryn*e*, And another yerde lieth vpon̄ Middisladehold' bitwene the lond' of henry waryn*e* and the lond' 32 of Nicholas at pleystowe; And j. other half acre in the south felde atte oldegore bitwene the lond' of Raaf Thornberne and

the lond' of Rob*er*t the yonger Baret: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said' Rob*er*t and to Isabelle his wyf and to ther assignes or to whom-so-ever he
4 wold' yeve the forsaid' lond', selle, bequeth, or assigne, to the tyme of ther lif, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly, w*ith* all' p*er*tynentis longyng' to the said' lond', yeldyng' therof yerely to hym and to his heires or his assignes j. paire of white gloves for
8 all' seculer s*er*uyce, demaundes, and sutis of courtis. And the said' William and his heires or his assignes warantiȝed' acquyted' and defended' to the said' Rob*er*t and to the said' Isabelle his wyf and to theire assignes the said' acre ayenst all' men vnto the ende
12 of ther lyf. And for this yifte, & c*etera*, the forsaid' Rob*er*t yaf to hym xij. s*hillings* of vsuall' money before hondes. And yf hit pleased' William to bye ayene the said' lond', or his heires, of the said' Rob*er*t, than in the x. yere folowyng' they shold' yeve to
16 the said' Rob*er*t or to his wyf or his assignes xij. s*hillings*; And yf the x. yere were I-passed', they shold' never bye ayene the said' lond'. And that this his yifte, & c*etera*. The date at more Tywe, in the fest of Ester, the L. yere of the reigne of kynge henry the
20 sone of kynge Iohn, & c*etera*.

Quit-rent, gloves.

Purchase-money, 12*s*.

Break of lease at tenth year.

[743.] * A Chart*er* of Richard' Frankeleyn*e* of more Tywe I-made to Iohn Lake and Isabelle his wyf, & c*etera*, for v. acris and an half of arable londe in the feldes of Tywe.

* leaf 168. About 1260?

THE sentence of this chart*er* is this, that Richard' Frankeleyn*e* of more Tywe yaf, & c*etera*, to Iohn lake of the same and to Isabelle his wyf and to ther heires or her assignes, v. acres and
24 half j. acre of arable lond', w*ith* all' the p*er*tynentis over all', in the feldes of more Tywe; of the which, j. acre lieth in the south felde atte Shrobbes, beside the lond' of Iohn lancelyn*e*; and j. acre lieth and strecchith toward' Swytewelleslade, beside the
28 lond' of Richard' Aluerich; And j. acre lieth beside Swytewelhulle, beside the lond' of Aleyn*e* Bercar*e*; And j. acre lieth vpon wastaneshulle nerrer*e* Sanford'; And half j. acre lieth in the west felde vpon voxlewesforlonge, beside the lond' of William
32 Germeyn*e*; And half j. acre lieth in the same feld' into holewellake, beside the lond' of Richard' Eluerich of the sonne side;

Sale to John and Isabella Lake, by Richard Franklin, of 4 acres, 3 half-acres,

And half j. acre lieth in the same feld' at Merewelle, bitwene the lond' of Rob*ert* hykeman and the londe of Alice at pole; And j. hede strecchith into Merewelle lake: To be had' and to be hold', w*ith* alle ther p*er*tynentis, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the forsaid' Iohn and to the said' Isabell his wyf and to their heires I-begote bitwene them or to ther assignes for eu*er*, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, by right heritage, and to whom-so-eu*er* and whan-so-eu*er* and in what-so-eu*er* tyme they wold' yeve, bequethe, ley to wed', or assigne hit, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes j. ob*olus* at Ester, for alle seruyce seculer*e*, and sutes of alle maner Courte, and alle other demaundes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said' Iohn and Isabelle yaf to hym iij. marke of sterlyngis beforehandes. And Richard' Frankeleyn*e* and his heires or his assignes warantiȝed' aquyted' and defended' alle the forsaid' lond', w*ith* alle the p*er*tynentis in alle places, to the said' Iohn and Isabell and to ther heires I-begote bitwene them or to ther assignes for eu*er*, ayenst alle men and women. And þat þis yifte, & *cetera*.

and a headland.

Quit-rent, ½*d*.

Purchase-money, £2.

* leaf 165, back. About 1260.

[744.] * A Chart*er* of William Ingelot, of the more Tywe, quyteclaymyng to Iohn at lake fitz Nicholas atte lake, for j. acre lond' in more Tywe.

Sale to John (son of Nicholas) Lake, by William Ingelot, [Purchase-money, 13*s*. 4*d*.] of a half-acre, and of two roods.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that William Ingelot fitz Iohn Ingelot of the more Tywe, yaf, & *cetera*, and for eu*er* quyteclaymed' to Iohn atte lake fitz Nicholas atte lake of the same, for j. marke that he yaf afore-hondes into waryson, j. acre of his lond' in the feld' of the more Tywe, that is to sey, in the westfeld' half an acre at the gore, the which strecchith into holewell lake, beside Richard' Frankeleyn*e* of the one p*ar*tie and Rob*ert* Baret; And a-nother in the sowthe feld', and[1] ij. rodes bitwene wewes that strecchen into broken[2], of the which one rode lieth beside [the[3] land of] Rob*ert* wyte of the one p*ar*tie and Rob*ert* Baret of the other, And another[4] lieth beside henry waryn*e* of the one p*ar*tie And Rob*ert* atte playstowe of the other: To be had' and to be hold', frely and quyetly, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, or to whom-so-eu*er* or whan-so-eu*er* they wold' yeve hit, bequeth, or in

[1] For 'and,' read 'namely.'
[2] Read 'into the brook.'
[3] Added from the Latin.
[4] Read 'and the other.'

other wise assigne hit, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, *with* all the *per*tynentis, wele and in pease for eu*er*, *with*out ony agayne-saiyng of ony man livyng, yeldyng therof yerely, to hym and to
4 his heires, or to the assignes of the said Iohn and his heires or assignes, j. ob*olus* at Cristmasse for all seculer service, sute of courte, and demaunde, longyng to hym and to his heires. And the said William Ingelot and his heires or his assignes warantiȝed
8 and defended for eu*er* to the said Iohn and his heires or his assignes the said acre of lond, *with* all *per*tynentis, *with*-in the towne and *with*-out, ayenst all men and women. And that thise all thynges, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, ½*d*.

[745.] *A Chart*er* of William Ingelot for an acre in the more Tywe.

* leaf 166, back. About 1260.

12 THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that William Ingelot yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn Lake of more Tywe, j. acre of his lond in the towne of more Tywe, of the whiche half lieth bitwene the lond of Rob*er*t at Playstowe and the wodebrigge; And an-other rode
16 of the same acre lieth bitwene the lond of Rob*er*t atte playstowe at setteles; And an-other rode lieth bitwene Rob*er*t Baret and the lond of handeman of Oxwellekappe: To be had and to be hold of hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, wele and
20 in pease, frely and q*ui*etly for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. rose atte fest of seynt Iohn Baptist, for all *ser*uyce seculer, and demaunde. And the forsaid William Ingelot and his heires warantiȝed aquyted and defended for eu*er* the
24 forsaid acre to the forsaid Iohn and to his heires, for the forsaid *ser*uyce, ayenst all men and women: hit shold be lawfull also to the forsaid Iohn and to his heires or his assignes, or to the assignes of the heires, to selle, yeve, bequeth, or to ley to plegge
28 the forsaid acre, whan-so-eu*er* and to whom-so-eu*er* they wold. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Iohn lake yaf to hym half a marke of siluer. And that hit shold be sure, & *cetera*.

Sale to John Lake, by William Ingelot, of a half-acre, a rood, and a rood.

Quit-rent, a rose.

Purchase-money, 6*s*. 8*d*.

[746.] *A Chart*er* of henry waryn*e* of more Tywe, I-made to Iohn lake of the same, for a rode of arable londe.

* leaf 166. About 1270.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that henry waryn*e* of more
32 Tywe yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn lake of more Tywe, for x. *shillings*

Sale to John Lake, by Henry

Waryne, for 10s. of a rood.

of sterlyngis, the which he yaf to hym before-handes into warisoñ, j. rode of arable lond in the west feld vndir the crofte, beside the lond of Richard Lonedrem: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the same Iohn and his heires or assignes, or to whom-so-euer and whan-so-euer [he would] yeve the forsaid Rode lond, bequeth, selle, or assigne, frely and quyetly, wele and in good pease, worshipfully and holy for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or his assignes j. *quadrans* of siluer at Ester for all seculer seruyce, and sutes of all maner courte, exaccion, customs, and all maner demaundes. And henry and his heires or assignes warantiȝed defended and aquyted for euer to the forsaid Iohn, his heires, or assignes, the forsaid Rode lond, by the forsaid seruyce, ayenst all men and women. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, ¼*d*.

* leaf 164, back. * leaf 165. About 1270.

[747.] * A Charter of Iohn Frankeleyne of the more Tywe, I-made to Iohn Lake * the sone of Emme Lake, for iij. acris of arable lond in the more Tywe.

Sale to John (son of Emma) Lake, by John Franklin, of six half-acres.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Frankeleyne of the more Tywe yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn Lake, fitȝ Emme Lake, iij. acris of arable lond in the feld of the more Tywe, of the which half an acre lieth in the north felde at the holywelle, beside William Ingelet of the one partie; [and[1] half an acre lieth upon Vermfurlong next William Martin;] and half an acre lieth at Tunnidus[2] welle, beside Aleyne Quemle; and half an acre at Serplond[3], beside William atte Lake; And in the north side, half an acre that strecchith into portewey vpon the sonde[4] of right fitȝ hugh; and half an acre lieth vpon shortlongfurlonge beside the forsaid William Ingelet: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to the said Iohn, and to his heires, or to his assignes all, or when-so-ever he wold yeve, selle, or assigne, the said acris of lond, in sikenes or in helthe, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, worshipfully and holy for euer: that is to sey, in weyes, pathes, in medis and pasturis, and in all fredoms and easementis perteynyng to the forsaid acris of lond, except religious men, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or

[1] Added from Latin copy.
[2] In both copies the T is followed by eight strokes without distinction: might be Timmidus, &c.
[3] Sarpelonde.
[4] *sic*.

his assignes j. ob*olus* at ester for all seculer servyce, and sute of all courte, exaccion, customes, querels, and demaundes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said Iohn yaf to hym xx. *shillings* of 4 sterlyngis afore-hondis. And the said Iohn Frankeleyn*e* and his heires or assignes warantiȝed, acquyted, and defended the forsaid acris of lond, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis afore-named, to the forenamed Iohn, and to his heires, or his assignes, ayenst all 8 men and women, for the forsaid *ser*uyce, for eu*er*. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, ½*d*.

Purchase-money, £1.

[748.] A Chart*er* of Iohn Pratellis, knyght, and lord of Tywe the more, for vij. acres of arable lond in the feld of the more Tywe.

About 1270.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Iohn Pratellis, knyght, and lord of Tywe the more, yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn lake of the 12 more Tywe, for his *ser*uyce and for a marke of siluer*e* the which he yaf to hym afore-hondes into warison, vij. acres of arable lond in the feld of more Tywe, the which he had of a relesyng and quyteclaymyng of William Ingelot of the same; of the 16 which, half an acre lieth in the northfeld vpon longefurlonge beside the lond of Adam Thurbarn*e*; and a-nother half acre in the same tilthe, beside the lond of Richard Almirich; and half an acre in the same feld, beside the holewey and beside the lond 20 of Adam Thurbarn*e*; and half an acre lieth in the westfeld into holewelle lake and the gore, beside the lond of Adam Barat; and half an acre lieth in Mer*e*-welle lake in the same feld, beside the lond of Adam Barat; And one Rode lieth in myddel-24 sladesholde, beside the lond of Rob*er*t atte pleystowe in the same feld; And j. rode lieth vndir the crofte, beside the lond of Ada*m* Godenne in the same feld; And j. rode lieth vpon the ponde, beside Rob*er*t atte Pleystowe; And j. rode lieth in the north 28 feld at Foxwelle, beside Adam Barat; And j. half acre at Wolmer*eham* in the mede in the Estfeld, beside Adam Baret in the same feld; And j. rode lieth in the Southfeld at Bernehulleforde, beside Rob*er*t Pulchebote; And j. half acre lieth atte 32 sprotte, beside Adam Barat in the same feld; And half * an acre lieth in litelfaremannysdone, beside henry wareyn*e* in the same feld; And j. rode at heneforde, beside henry atte pole in

Confirmation to John Lake, by Sir John Pratellis, overlord, of William Ingelot's grants of 7 acres, described by half-acres and roods.

* leaf 165, back.

the same feld'; And j. rode amonge the wewes, beside Rob*er*t at Playstowe; and another rode bitwene the wewes beside Rob*er*t wite; And half an acre at the wode rigge, in the same, beside Rob*er*t atte pleystowe; And half an acre at the old' gore, beside the lond' of Adam Barat: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the same Iohn lake and to his heires or his assignes, or to whom-so-eu*er* or whan-so-eu*er* he wold' bequeth, selle, or assigne the forsaid' londes, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, worshipfully and holy for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or his assignes iiij. d'. at iiij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse j. d', at seynt Thomas day the Appostle j. d', At the Annu*n*ciacion of our lady j. d', at Midsomer j. d', for all se*r*uyce, and sutis of all maner courte, custome, exaccion, and all man*er* demaunde, longyng to hym, his heires, or assignes. And þ*a*t þis his yifte, & c*e*t*e*r*a*.

Quit-rent, 4*d*. yearly.

About 1290.

[749.] A Chart*er* of Iohn fitz Iohn Nicol of Tywe the more, I-made to Emme the wyf of Richard' Thornberne of the same, for xv. acres and an half acre and a rode of arrable londe.

Entail on Emma (wife of Richard) Thorberne, by John (son of John) Nicol,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is that Iohn fitz Iohn Nicol of more Tywe yaf, & c*e*t*e*r*a*, to Emme the wyf of Richard' Thoreberne of the same, xv. acris and half an acre and a rode of arable lond', w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, liyng p*ar*cels in the feld' of grete Tywe, of the which the p*ar*cels ben I-specified' in an origynall chart*er* fully; and hit is that lond' that he had' somtyme of the yifte and * feffement of Iohn atte Lake: To be had' and to be hold', w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid' Emme and to her heires lawfully be-gote of her body, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease for ever, of the chief lordes of that fee, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires and to his assignes j. Rose atte fest of seynt Iohn Baptist. And to the chief lordes of that fee service dew and I-woned' therof rightfully. And yf hit so happened' that the forsaid' Emme died' w*ith*out heire lawfully beyng of her body, than he willed' that the forsaid' lond' shold' turne agayne holy and quyetly to hym and to his heires or his assignes. Into witnesse of the whiche thynge, & c*e*t*e*r*a*.

* leaf 166. of scattered half-acres and roods.

Quit-rent, a rose.

[750.] * A Charter of Thomas Welton, confermyng to ser Iohn Trillawe of Bloxham, vicary of the chirche of Patishull, and to Edmond Mabaunke, v. mesis, viij. yerdis of lond, ij. shillyngworthe and ij. penyworthe of rente in Tywe the more, & *cetera*. * leaf 162, back. 1313, May 1.

Conveyance to John Trillowe, John of Bloxham, and Edmund Maubank, as trustees in mortmain for Godstow, by Thomas Whelton, of messuages, yard-lands, rent-charges, with feudal rights over five serfs, their property, families, and lands; and full manorial privileges.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Whelton yaf, & *cetera*, to ser Iohn Trillowe, to ser Iohn of Bloxham, vicary of the chirche of patyshull, and to Edmond Maubaunke, v. mesis, 4 viij. yerdis of lond, ij. shillyngworth and ij. penyworth of rente, with the pertynentis, in grete or the more Tywe. He yaf also and graunted to the same ser Iohnys and Edmond, the bodies of Iohn Lake, William Lake, Adam Baret, Richard Toly, and 8 of Adam at Pleystowe, his bonde men, with all ther catell, sewtis, and sequelis, with all ther londis and tenementis the which ben called natif or bonde or bonde of birthe, or ony of ther sequele hath I-gete in ony wise, with ther pertynentis, 12 of the same towne: To be had and to be hold, to the said sires Iohn and Edmond, and to ther heires or ther assignes, with all catall, sutes, and sequeles, and all ther getyngis (or perquisitis), with all pertynentis, as in howsis, curtilagis, londis, medis, 16 fedyngis, pasturis, hayes, dyches, watirs, pondis, stewes, Ryvers (or riparies), duffehowses, mylles, weyes, pathis, scuagis, homagis, fewteys, rentis, customys, wardys, mariagis, fynys, relefis, heriettis, eschetis, sutis of Courtis, and all maner of liberteis 20 * and fre customs, seruyce, appeiamentis, reuersions, or eisementis all, comyng forthe bothe of fre tenementis, or of bonde or natif, or of tenauntis holdynge in bondage or villenage, frely, quyetly, wele and in pease, of the chief lordes of that fee, by 24 seruyce dew therof and I-wonyd of right for euer. And the forsaid Thomas and his heires warantized aquyted and defended for euer, to the forsaid siris Iohnys and Edmond [her] heires and her assignes, the forsaid mesys, londis, and rentis, with the pertynentis, 28 as hit is I-said afore, and also the forsaid bondmen or natifis with all ther catallis, sutis, or sequelys, or perquysitis (or getyngis) of the same, with the pertynentis, without ony with-holdyng of hym or of his heires, ayenst all men. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The 32 date, in the fest of the holy appostels philippe and Iacob, the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edwarde.

* leaf 163.

Warranty clause.

* leaf 164, back. 1313, May 1.

[751.] * A Charter of Thomas Whelton, I-made to Baldewyn kerbrok, and hugh fitz Raaf his attorneyes, to put in seisyng sir Iohn Trillowe, sir Iohn Bloxham, vicary of the chirche of patishulle, and Edmond Maubaunke, into v. mesis, viij. yerdis of lond, ij. shillyngworthe and ij. penyworthe of rente in more Tywe.

Letter of attorney by Thomas Whelton, to give the said trustees seisin of the properties in no. 750.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Whelton attorneyd or made attorney in his place his welbeloued in crist Baldewyn kerbroke and hugh fitz Raaf, or the one of them, yf the other of them myght [not] be there, to put in his name sir Iohn Trillawe, sir Iohn Bloxham, vicary of Patishull, and Edmond Maubaunke, into full and pesible seisyng of v. meses, viij. yerdes of lond, ij. shillyngworth and ij. penyworth of rent, with ther pertynentes, in grete Tywe, And also of the bodies of Iohn Lake, William Lake, Adam Barette, Richard Toly, and of Adam atte playstow his bondmen or natifes, with all ther catall, seutis, sequelis, and also with all londis and tenementis the which the said bondmen or natifes, or ony of ther sequele, have goten in ony maner wise, with all ther pertynentis, in the same towne, as hit is conteyned fully in his charter of feffement. And the said Thomas had and held hym pleased and sure what-so-euer thyng the forsaid Baldewyn and hugh, or the one of them, did in his name, in the forsaid pynges. Into witness of the which thyng he made his lettres patentis. The date at london, in the fest of the holy Appostels Philippe and Iacob, the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

* leaf 169. 1313, May 1.

[752.] * A Confirmacion of Thomas Whilton to henry Gyngelot of more Tywe.

Letter from Thomas Whelton, to his tenant Henry Ingelot,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Whelton willed to be knowe to henry Gyngelot of more Tywe that, for-asmoch as he had yeve, graunted, and by his charter confermed, to ser Iohn Trillowe, ser Iohn Bloxham, and to Edmond Maubaunke, all the rentis and the seruices goyng out of the tenementis the which they held of hym in the said towne of more Tywe, with

all other pertynentis, as in gardeyns[1], mariagis, eschetis, and relefis, with all other pertynentis, as hit is playnly conteyned in the charter of feffement, he comaunded them, by his letters, that, of the seruyce that they owed to hym, they shold be entendaunte to the forsaid ser Iohn, ser Iohn, and Edmond; he attourned them and by them to be entendaunte, to the same, to ther heires, and ther assignes, they and theire heires at all dayes. Into witnesse of the which thyng, he sende to them these letters patentis. The date at london, in the fest of seyntis Philippe and Iacob, in the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

informing him of the conveyance in no. 750.

[753.] *An assise bitwene Iohn Trillawe and Iohn Bloxham and Edmond Maubaunke of the one parte, and Thomas Whelton and Iohn Shenle * of the other partie, for the forsaide mesys, & *cetera*.

* leaf 163. 1313, May 4. * leaf 163, back.

THE sentence of this writyng is, that the friday next after the fest of the Inuencion of the holy Crosse, the vj. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the sone of kynge Edwarde, hit was accorded bitwene ser Iohn Trillawe, ser Iohn Bloxham, vicare of the chirch of Patishulle, and Edmond Maubaunk, of the one parte, And Thomas Whelton and William Shenle of the oþer, that is to sey, that the said Thomas and William shold be bounde to the said seris Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, euerych of hem in the hole, in CC. mark of sterlyngis by an obligacion I-made to the same Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, willed and graunted the said Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, by this present writyng, that yf the forsaid Thomas knowleched, relesed, and vttirly quyte-claymed, and warantized by a clause of warantizyng, by fyne in the kynges courte ther to be levyed, to the said seris Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, [her] heires, and her assignes, v. mesis, viij. yerdis lond, ij. shillyngworth and ij. penyworth of rente, Also with the bodyes of Iohn Lake, William Lake, Adam Baret, Richard Toly, and Adam at Pleystowe, bonde (or natife) men, with all [that] the bondemen (or natifis) or ony of ther sequele in ony wise had I-gete, afore Cristmasse that was next folowyng, than the obligacion aforsaid of CC. marke, I-made by the forsaid Thomas and William shold be had for naught to the said seris

Bond in £133 6*s*. 8*d*. given to said trustees, by Thomas Whelton that he would put them in possession of the subjects detailed in no. 750, before Christmas.

[1] i. e. guardianships : 'wardys' in no. 750.

Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, and vttirly shold be adnulled for euer. And yf hit happened the said Thomas not to knowe, remytte, quyteclayme, and to warantize, the said mesis, londis, rentis, bodies of the forsaid bondmen and natifis, with ther sutis and 4 sequelis, catall, and all other pertynentis and thyngis I-gete, in the forsaid wise, to the said seres Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, afore cristmasse, than the obligacion aforsaid of CC. mark, shold abide for euer in his strength and myght, but that the said 8 recognycion byde vnperfite but by the deth of the other parte, or wille of the said ser Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 164. 1313, Oct. 10.

[754.] * A Charter of Edmond, Erle of Arundell, I-made to the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, yevyng licence to entre his fee of Tywe the more.

* leaf 164, back. Licence in mortmain, by the earl of Arundel, chief lord of the fee, empowering Godstow to receive no. 750.

*The sentence of this charter is, that Edmond[1], Erle of 12 Arundell, graunted and yaf licence to his welbeloued in crist Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe that they myght entre ther[2] fee at the more Tywe in Oxenford-shire to gete a tenement that Thomas Whelton helde in grete Tywe, Doyng therof to the 16 chief lordis of that fee dewe seruyce and I-wonyd. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at london, the x. day of Octobre, the vij. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the sone of kyng Edwarde. 20

* leaf 168. 131¾, Febr. 2.

[755.] * A quyte-clayme of Edmond Maubaunke I-made to Iohn Bloxham, vicary of Patishull, for all the londes and tenementis and bodyes of bondemen, & *cetera*.

Quit-claim to John of Bloxham, by his co-trustee, Edmund Maubank,

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is this, that Edmond Maubaunke graunted, remytted, and vttirly quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires, to Iohn Bloxham, vicare of Patishull, all the right and clayme that he had or myght haue in ony wise, in 24 all the londes and tenementis and bodies of bonde-men, with

[1] Edmund Fitzalan, 2nd earl of Arundel. [2] Read 'his.'

ther catells, sutes, and sequeles, of the which Thomas Whelton late feffed ser Iohn Trillaw ser Iohn Bloxham and hym: So that nother the said Edmond, nother his heires, myght never in no wise, after that tyme, axe, chalenge, or clayme, ony right or clayme in the forsaid londes, and tenementis, bodies of bondemen, with ther catall, sutis, and sequelis. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the saturday in the fest of the purificacion of our lady, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kynge Edwarde.

of his interest in no. 750.

[756.] * A Charter of Raaf Pratell, Lord of the more Tywe, grauntynge, and licence yevyng, to ser Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, that they myght yeve to the mynchons of Godestowe all the londis and tenementis that they had I-gete of Thomas Whelton of the more Tywe.

* leaf 163, back. 131¾, Febr. 6.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Pratellis, lord of Tywe the more, graunted and licence yaf, for hym and his heires, in al so moche as was in hym, for the helth of his soule and of his auncetours and heires for euer, to his welbeloved in crist siris Iohn Trillowe, and Iohn Bloxham, vicary of the chirch of patishulle, that they myght yeve and assigne to the welbeloued to hym in crist the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, all the londis and tenementis that they late had I-gete of Thomas Whelton in the towne of the more Tywe: he yaf also and graunted, for hym and his heires for ever, to the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons that they myght entre, gete, and apropir the same tenementis, without ony agayne-saiyng or lette of hym or of his heires: To be had and to be hold, to the said Abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for euer, the kyngis statute I-provided into contrary not-withstondyng, Savyng nathelesse to hym and to his heires all lordships, * fredoms, rentis, seruyces, and customes, of the same tenementis, afore dew and I-vsed to ser Iohn his fadir and to his auncetours. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at þe more Tywe, the vj. day of Feuerere, the vij. yere of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

Licence in mortmain, by Ralph de Pratellis, feudal superior, empowering the trustees to convey no. 750 to Godstow.

* leaf 164.

* leaf 163. 131¾, Febr. 17.

[757.] *A Charter of John Trillowe and of John Bloxham, vicary of the Chirch of Patishulle, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe v. mesis, viij. yerdis of londe, ij. shillyngworthe and ij. penyworth of rente, with many other thyngis, in the more Tywe, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by said trustees, of no. 750: viz. messuages, land, and rent-charges; with five serfs, and their property, families, and lands,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Trillowe, and Iohn Bloxham, vicary of the chirch of patishulle, yaf, & *cetera*, to ther welbeloued in crist Moolde vptoñ, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the mynchons there seruyng god, v. mesis, viij. yerdis of 4 lond, ij. shillyngworthe and ij. penyworthe of rente, with the pertynentis, in the more Tywe. They yaf also and graunted to the same abbesse and mynchons the bodies of Iohn Lake, Adam Baret, Richard Toly, and of Adam pleystowe, the bond- 8 men or natifis, with all catals, sutis, sequelis, perquysitis, also with all londis and tenementis [which] the said bondmen (or natifis), or ony of ther sequele, had I-gote in ony wise in the same towne : To be had and to be hold, to the said abbesse and 12 to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, with all pertynentis, as in howsis, curtilagis, londis, medis, fedyngis, pasturis, hayes, dyches, watirs, pondis, stewys, Ryvers (or riparies), duffe-houses, mylles, weyes, pathis, scuagis, homagis, fewteis, rentis, 16 customs, wardis, mariagis, fynes, relefis, heriettis, eschetis, sutis of courtis, and all maner fredoms, and all customs, seruyce, reuersions, or eisementis all, both comyng forth of fre tenauntis, and also of bondmen or natifes, or of tenauntis in villenage, 20 frely, quyetly, wele, and in pease, of the chief lordes of that fee, by service dew therof and of right I-wonyd for euer. And the said Iohnys and ther heires warantized acquyted and defended for euer, by þe forsaid seruyce, to the forsaid abbesse and 24 mynchons and to ther successours, the forsaid mesys, londis, and rentis, with the pertynentis, as hit is aforesaid, And also the forsaid bondmen or natifes, with all ther catallis, sutis, and sequelis, or perquysitis of the same, with the pertynentis, with- 28 out ony withholdyng of them or of ther heires, ayenst all men. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date, the Sonday next after the fest of seynt Valentyne martir, the vij. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the sone of kynge Edwarde. 32

with full manorial privileges.

[Valentine = Febr. 14.]

[758.] * A Charter of Iohn Trillowe and Iohn Bloxham, vicare of the chirche of Patishull, makyng ther attorneyes hugh Rannes and Iohn Nicoll, to seisyne the abbesse of Godestowe in all the meses, londes, and rentis, that they purchased of Thomas Whelton.

* leaf 164, back. 131¾, Febr. 17.

Letter of attorney by said trustees to give Godstow possession of no. 750.

THE sentence of this lettre attorney is, that Iohn Trillawe and Iohn Bloxham, vicare of the chirch of Patishulle, made attorneyes in our[1] stede our[1] welbeloved in crist hugh Rannes and Iohn Nicoll, to put the Abbesse of Godestowe into full and pesible seisynyng of all the londes and tenementis that they late had I-gote of Thomas Whelton in the more Tywe, and also of the bodies of theire bond-men or natifes, with their catall, sutis, or sequelis, and all perquysitis, havyng them-self content and pleased what-so-euer the said hugh and Iohn did in ther name in the premysses. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the Sonday next after the fest of Seynt Valentyne, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edwarde.

[759.] * A strif I-meved bitwene ser Iohn Trillawe and ser Iohn Bloxham, vicare of Patishulle, and Edmond Maubaunke of the one partie, And Iohn and Richard lake and Milicence theire sustire, vpon the right and the holdyng of iij. acres in the grounde of Tywe the more, the which were somtyme of william atte lake, bondman or natif of the forsaid Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond.

* leaf 166, back. 131¾, March 3.

Quit-claim to their elder brother William, by John, Richard, and Milicent Lake, of all title in 3 acres (see no. 761).

AT the last, they were accorded in this wise: that is to sey, that the said Iohn and Richard and Militence at the lake knowleched them-self that they had no right in the forsaid londes, and they yelded and graunted to the forsaid william lake, ther brother first begote, all the right and clayme that they had in the said iij. acres of lond, with the pertynentis, and also with the harmes and his expenses. So that the same Iohn, Richard, and Militence, nother ther heires, shold not mowe to chalenge ony right or clayme after in the forsaid londes. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*. The date at Godestow,

[1] Read 'their.' The translation slips into the first person of the original Latin.

the iiij. day of marche, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kynge Edwarde.

* leaf 164. 1314, May 8.

[760.] * A Charter of kynge Edward, yevyng licence to the mynchons of Godestowe to purchase londes and tenementis to the valew of C. *shillings*.

Licence in mortmain by Edward II,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Inglond, lord of Irlond, and duke of Gyen, by his lettres patentis graunted and yaf licence, for hym and his heires, al so moch as was in them [1], to his welbeloued in crist the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, that þei myght purchase londis and tenementis, with ther pertynentis, to the valew of an C. *shillings* by yere, after the verry valew of the same, bothe of his owne fee and also of other fee, out-take londis and tenementis that were I-hold of hym in chief: To be had and to be hold, to the same Abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for euer, The statute I-made of londis and tenementis not to be put into morte-mayne notwithstandyng, as hit is I-conteyned in his lettres aforsaid fully. The kyng willyng his graunte aforsaid dewly to be brought to effecte, graunted and licence yaf for hym and for his heires, al so moche as was in them [1], to Iohn Trillowe, to Iohn Bloxham, vicare of patishulle, and to Edmond Mawbaunke, that they myght yeve and assigne to the same Abbesse and Mynchons v. mesis, viij. yerdis lond, ij. shillyngworth and ij. penyworthe of rente, with ther pertynentis, in the more Tywe, the which mesis, lond, and rente, were I-hold of Iohn Pratellis, and the which mesis and lond vaile by yere xlj. *shillings*, as hit apperith by Inquysicion I-made by the welbeloued and trew Iohn Abel, Eschetur be-yonde [2] Trente, and I-retourned in the Chauncerye: To be had and to be hold, to them and to ther successours for euer, in partie of satisfaccion of an hundred shillyngworth of lond and of tenementis aforsaid. And to the same Abbesse and mynchons, that they myght resceive and hold the forsaid mesis, londis, and rentis, with ther pertynentis, of the forsaid Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, to them and to ther successours for euer, As hit is I-said afore by the tenour of this present writyngis. Also he yaf licence speciall, the forsaid statute notwithstondyng, not willyng that the forsaid Iohn,

allowing Godstow to acquire, from said trustees, the subjects detailed in no. 750,

as representing 4*s.* of yearly value towards the 100*s.* of yearly value which they were licensed to acquire in mortmain (no. 897).

[1] Read 'him.'

[2] Read 'on this side.'

Iohn, and Edmond, or ther heires, or the forsaid Abbesse or mynchons or ther successours, by the reson of the statute aforsaid, by them[1] or by there[1] heires should take occasion therof
4 or greif in ony thynge, savyng the seruyces therof dew and I-wonyd to the chief lordes of that fee. Into witnesse of the which thynge, he lette to be made these his lettres patentis, witnessyng hym-self at yorke, the viij. day of may, The seventhe
8 yere of his reigne.

[761.] * An endenture bitwene moolde vpton, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Militence the doughter of Robert lake, for iij. acris of londe. * leaf 166. 1315, April 5.

THE sentence of this endenture is, that Molde vpton, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, graunted and toke to Militence, the doughtir of Robert Lake, iij. acres of
12 arable lond liyng in the feldis of more Tywe the which william lake theire bondman or natif somtyme held: To be had and to be hold to the forsaid Militence to all her lyf, yeldyng therof to them and to ther successours j. d. yerely at the fest of the
16 Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist; So, nathelesse, that, after the decesse of the forsaid Militence, j. acre of the forsaid iij. acres, the which lieth in the hamme beside larke welle, shold turne ayene and remayne for ever to them and to ther succes-
20 sours. Furthermore, they wold to be know that they graunted to Iohn and Richard, bretheren of the forsaid Militence, other two acres of the forsaid iij. acres, with all ther pertynentis ouer all: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Iohn and Richard
24 and to there heires I-be-gote and to be gote lawfully of ther bodies of them and ther successours, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther monastery ij. d. by yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse, And the which ij. acres Isabell lake, sustir
28 of the forsaid William, held somtyme to the terme of her lyf. Into witnesse * of the which thynge they sette to euerych others writyng ther seales. The date at Godestowe, the v. day of Aprell, the viij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone
32 of kynge Edwarde. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, they yaf before-hondes to them, that is to sey, to the Abbesse, & *cetera*, vj. *shillings* viij. d.

Grants by Godstow, to Milicent Lake, of life-rent in 3 acres (as in no. 759), quit-rent, 1*d.*;

and of reversion of two of the acres to her brothers John and Richard and their heirs of body, quit-rent to be 2*d.*

* leaf 166, back.

Purchase-money, 6*s.* 8*d.*

[1] Read 'him,' 'his.'

* leaf 167, back. About 1329.

[762.] * A couenaunte bitwene Moolde vptoñ, abbesse of Godestowe, and Edmond' Maubaunke, for all the lond', with Curtilagis, croftis, medis, fedyngis, and pastures, with ther vesturis or mowynges, & *cetera*.

Sale by Godstow, to Edmund Maubank, of life-rent in lands, subject to providing 2 gallons of wine for Easter communion at Great Tew. Purchase-money, £13 6s. 8d.

THE sentence of this couenaunte is, that Moolde vptoñ, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, yaf and graunted', by this present writyng, to Edmond' Maubaunke all the lond', with Curtilagis, croftes, medis, fedyngis, pastures and vestures, and all pertynentis, the whiche Stephyñ of Pratelles somtyme held' of them in the towne and territorie of more Tywe: To be had' and to be hold', to the same Edmond', or his assignes, all the dayes of his lyf, of them and ther successours, Doynge therof euery yere while that he liveth, for them and ther successours, ij. galons of wyne or x. d'. to the parisshens of Tywe to be communed' at the fest of Ester, for all seruyce, sutis of courte, heriettis, and all other seculer exaccions and demaundes. And for this yifte and graunte the said' Edmond' yaf to them xx. mark, before-handes. And they and ther successours warantized' acquyted' and defended', by the forsaid' service, all the forsaid' lond', with Curtilages, croftes, medys, fedyngis, pasturis, with ther pertynentis, and also with all the vesture aboue-growyng in the abouesaid' tenementis, to the said' Edmond', or to his assignes, ayenst all men. Into witnesse of whiche thynge, & *cetera*.

* leaf 168, back. 1329, April 13.

[763.] * A Charter I-made bitwene Moolde, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Robert Trillawe for viij. acres of arable lond' in more Tywe.

Grant by Godstow, to Robert Trillawe, of life-rent in 8 acres.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Moolde, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, graunted' and lete to Robert yonge of Trillawe viij. acres of arable lond', with all the pertynentis, in more Tywe, of the which, j. acre lieth in peselade; ij. acres beside wodeweye; j. acre at Elienestowe[1]; j. [half[2]] acre at Shynelowe[1]; j. acre at Clenelonde[1]; j. acre at halywellake; j. acre of the west parte of porteweye; and j. half acre lieth at wodeweye: To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' Robert to all his lyf, with all ther pertynentis, frely, quyetly, holy,

[1] In the Latin: 'Elrenestowe,' 'Shriuelowe,' 'Cletelond.'
[2] Added from the Latin.

wele, and in pease, yeldyng therof yerly, to them and to ther successours, ij. *shillings* of sterlyngis at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Michell vj. d, atte fest of seynt Thomas the Appostle vj. d, and at the fest of the Annun*c*iacion of oure lady vj. d, and at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist vj. d, for all seculer service, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Abbesse and covent and ther successours warantized acquyted and defended the forsaid viij. acres of arable lond, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, as hit is I-put * before, to the forsaid Rob*er*t, as longe as he lived, ayenst all men; And after the decesse of the same Rob*er*t, all the forsaid lond, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, shold turne ayene to them and to ther successours, frely and holy, w*ith*-out agayne-saiyng of ony men. In-to witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the wedensday next afore Palme Sonday, the thirde yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

Quit-rent, 2*s*.

* leaf 169.

[THRUPP: see in nos. 359, 360, 367, 384, 385.]

[WARBOROUGH: see in Shillingford.]

[WATLINGTON.]

[764. *** Charter of William Paganellus and Sara his wife for a mill in Watlington.**

*Exchequer MS. leaf 151, back. About 1190.

* WE, William and Sara, give our mill of Watlentun, which Henry held, and which is called Wochemulne [1], with a messuage and two acres in the field, and out of our wood timber to repair the said mill (when need shall be) at the discretion of trustworthy men.

Witnesses:—Sir Richard Filiot [2], knight; William, canon of Osney, etc.]

* Exchequer MS., leaf 152. Grant to Godstow by William Paganel of a mill, a messuage, land, and timber-rights.

[765. **Charter of Peter son of Herebert.**

About 1215.

PETER son of Herebert confirmed to Godstow the mill of his fee of Watlington near Cukesham [3], which is called Wohemuln, with its messuage and pond and the water running to that pond. Witnesses:—Alan Baset, Henry of the Checquer.]

Confirmation to Godstow, by Peter son of Herebert, of no. 764.

[1] This word is uniformly misspelt in the General Charters. The property seems to have been lost before 1291.

[2] Possibly Foliot.

[3] Cuxham, 3 miles from Watlington.

About 1220.

[766.] Charter of Henry de Oylly of the mill in Watlington.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry Doyly, the chief lord, of no. 764.

HENRY DE OYLLY (the second), constable (died 1232), confirmed the gift of William and Sara Paganel.

Witnesses :—Fulk son of Richard, William of Herovill, Roger of Bray.] 4

[NOTE.—Rev. H. E. Salter gives me the history of Watlington. In 1166 it was owned by Halinad de Bidun. Afterwards, by William Paganell (Paynel) and his wife Sara (Halinad's daughter). On William's death King John gave it to Peter son of Herbert. A claim for it by Henry de Oylly was compromised (circ. 1218) by Peter's consenting to hold it of Henry. In 1223 Henry III took it into his own hands, saying that neither Peter nor de Oylly had any right to it : Maitland's *Bracton*, iii. 336, 463. The mill was, perhaps, taken back at that time with the manor.]

[WOLVERCOTE.]

[NOTE.—In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* Wolvercote (with Godstow) was assessed at £13 14*s.* 3*d.* yearly value. In the survey of 1531 (*Monast.* iv. 373) we find Wolvercote by itself valued at £24 18*s.* 4*d.*, viz. from lands, £13 18*s.* 4*d.*; from quit-rents, £2 3*s.* 6*d.*; from the mill, £8 16*s.* 6*d.*]

* leaf V or 17, back. About 1140.

[767.] * A chartur of Robert Euyrci of a medewe callyd the yle.

Grant to Godstow, by Robert of Everci,

of a meadow called 'the isle,' probably in Wolvercote.

[Nun's dower.]

* leaf VI or 18.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Robert of Euercy, by the consent of [his] eyerys, Robert & Thomas, hathe gyf & grauntyd to god, & to the churche of our lady seynt Marie & of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godstowe, & to the Mynchons there 8 seruinge god, in-to pure & perpetual almys, a medewe that is callyd the yle, the whych medewe Robert of Meysy hys vnkle gafe to hym for hys seruice. Thys medewe he gafe to the foreseyd Mynchyns, for the helthe of hys sowle, & of hys aunceturs, 12 & of hys heyrys[1]; with hys dowhtur, Agas, the whyche was made mynchon in the same churche foreseyd. Thys medewe he wyllyd to be hadde for euyr freely and * restfully fro all exaccion or worldly seruice, paynge yerely to hym & to hys 16 heyrys[1] j. pound of pepyr, with-in xv. dayes aftur the fest of seynt Myhel: thes beynge wytnes: and thys chartur is with-out date.

[1] 'h' was afterwards erased. There are frequent instances in this MS. in which initial 'h' is erased from words elsewhere spelt with it.

[768.] A chartur I-made of the medewe callid the yle, by pagan caurcis. About 1140.

Confirmation to Godstow by Pain of Caurcis, overlord, of the grant (no. 767) of 'the isle.'

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Pagane of Caurcis wyllyd to be knowe to all men, that he grauntyd & gaf, Also confermyd w*ith* hys chartur, a medewe that is callyd the yle, the whyche lyeth be-twene temse[1] & the medewe of syr wat*er*[2] of chaldfeld, to god & to the church of Godstowe, & to the mynchons there seruy*n*ge god, in-to pur*e* & p*er*petual almys for hym & hys eyerys, & the sowles of hys aunceturs; that is to sey, the seyd medewe to be holde of hym & of hys heyrys for euyr, frely & quietly & worshypfully fro all seruice, & fro all quarell, & playntys; &, for-asmuche as he wyllyd thys gyft to be ferme & stable, he strengthyd hyt by the puttynge to of hys seele: these beynge wyttnes: & is w*ith*-out date.

[769.] A confirmacion made by þe same pagan of all þe yeft*es* made of þe seyd yle. About 1140.

Fuller confirmation to Godstow, by Pain of Caurcis of 'the isle.'

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Pagan of Caurc*es* Willid to be know to all men that he grauntyd & confermid w*ith* hys chartur the gyft that hys aunceturs madyn to Robert of Meisi of a medewe that is callyd the yle, the whyche medw the same Robert gaf to Robert of Euercy, & that same Robert of euercy gaf to god, & to the churche of Godstowe, & to the Mynchons there seruy*n*g god: wherfore the forseyd Pagane of Caurc*es* willid & grauntyd, for hym-self & hys heyrys, that the forseyd mynchons shuld haue & hold the forseyd medewe, in-to pur*e* & p*er*petual almys, as the chart*er*s of Robert of meisi & Robert of Euerci by-fore I-myndyd wytnes, the whyche the fore-namyd Mynchons hauyn ther-of: so yet þat, for the lacke and defawte of the forseyd Robert of Meysy & Robert of Euerci or of her heyrys, noþ*er* * I[3], pagan a-foreseyd, ne none of myn[3] heyrys, may aske ony thynge in the foreseyde medewe, but that they shalle haue hyt & holde hyt in-to pure & p*er*petual almys as it is a-fore-seyd, sauynge the seruice of that medewe callid the yle dewe to me & myn[3] heyrys: these beynge wytnes: & is w*ith*-out dat*e*.

* leaf VI or 18, back.

[1] i. e. Thames. [2] i. e. Walter. [3] Lapse into first person of the Latin.

* leaf I or 13, back. About 1160.

Sale to Godstow, by Nicholas son of Reginald smith, of all right in a messuage and half-yardland which his father had held of Godstow.

[770.] The graunt of Nicholas fiȝt Reynold.

THE sentence of thys dede is, how Nicholas, the sone of Reynald smyth, hathe *gra*untyd and relesyd and quite-claymed to the hows of Godstowe, and to the mynchens there god to serue for euyr, all his ryht and clayme that he had or myht haue, by ryht eryhtage or succession of hys seyd fadyr Reyginald, in that mese, w*ith* halfe a yerde of lond and medw to the same mese perteyny[n]ge, w*ith* all odur p*er*teynavnce in the towne of wolgarcote and w*ith*-oute; the whyche mese, w*ith* all the seyde purteynaunce ther-to belongynge, the seyd reyginald hys fadyr & hys predecesso*ur*s of the seyd Mynchyns haue sum-tyme I-hold: To haue and to holde the forseyd mese, w*ith* all the p*er*tenence a-boue rehersyd, to the seyd Mynchyns & her successo*ur*s or her assygnys, fre, quyt, wel & in pece for euyr, So that the seyd Nicholas, ne non odyr in hys name, eny ryht or clayme in the seyd mese, w*ith* all the p*er*tyna*n*ce, may (eny ryht[1]) hereaftyr aske or chalange ne clayme; and for thys yft and relese the seyd Mynchyns payd xij. marc., and he put to thys hys seal, wyttenesse of mony on: and ys w*ith*-oute date.

Purchase-money, £8.

* leaf II or 14, back. About 1166.

Grant to Godstow, by Reginald of St. Valerie, of site.

[771.] * a chartur of Reynalde of seynt walery of the yle in þe whych þe church is made.

THE sentence of thys dede is, that[2] Bernard[3] of seynt walery hath y[i]f & grau*n*tyd, in p*er*petual almys, to the Mynchyns of Godstowe & theyr successo*ur*s, for the remedy of hys synnys & othyr moo rehersyd, (in[4]) the yle-lande a-fore-seyd & many othyr thyngys moo, as is a-boue wrytyn, in the dede next a-boue[5] I-wryte Bernard*us*: & thys is w*ith*-out date.

[NOTE.—The Latin of the Exchequer MS. (a slip attached to leaf 190, back) exhibits the same hesitation as to the Christian name. The mention of Robert, bishop of Lincoln, who must be Robert de Cheney, bishop 1148–66, enables us to decide upon Reginald as the right name. The deed thus recites a grant made to Godstow by Bernard's father, Reginald, who died after 1166. The Latin may be summarized thus :—

'Another charter made to the convent by Bernard of St. Walery of the island in which the church is built.

[1] Omit 'eny right.'
[2] 'Bernard or' struck out between *that* and *Bernard*.
[3] Read 'Reginald.'
[4] Omit 'in.'
[5] Now no. 772.

'Bernard of St. Walery to Robert, of Lincoln bishop, &c. Ego Reginaldus de Sancto Walerico have given to Godstow for health of myself and for souls of my father and mother, &c., the island in which the church is built and which is called Godestowa . . .[1].'

Witnesses include Magister Ralf[2] of Oxford, Hugh de belloramo, Reginald de Surpecampo, Pain de Wesberia, Walter de Peri, Walkelin Hering.]

[772.] A chartur I-made to the couent of Godestowe by b. of seynt walery.

About 1180.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Bernard of St. Valerie, of the site of Godstow, Wolvercote mill, four meadows, a fishery, a messuage, an island, a meadow and rent-charges to pay for mowing it, arable land in Wolvercote, and another messuage.

THE sentence of thys dede is, that Bernard a-bove I-seyde hath 3yf & I-grauntid, by the consent of hys eyrys, in-to perpetual almys to the hows of Godstowe & to the Mynchyns of the same, for the helth of kynge henri & the quene A*lienore* & here chyldyrn, Also for hys soule hele & hys wyfys Anorid', And for the soules of hys fad*ur* & modur & othyr rehersyd ther', The [is]land [in] the whych the chyrch of Godstowe is byldyd, w*ith* all hys purtinaunce; & the mylle of wolgarcote; & Boieh*am* & Heringesh*am* and lambey; & a fysshynge-were w*ith* were*ham*; & a Mansyon of Osmund'; & the yle-lande[3] betwene too bryggys; & pyxey, & v. s*hillings* to Mowe the same mede at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist (xij. d' in wolgarcote, ij. s*hillings* in erdinton[4], ij. s*hillings* in ley[5]); & an halfe hyde of the lordshyp of wolgarcote, & x. acrys of the same; & the mansyon of Clay-dou*ne*[6]. Alle these thyngys forseyd he grauntyd to the forseyd Mynchyns to haue & to hold', w*ith*-out eny seculer seruice, to hem, well & in pese, frely & quietly for euyr, in p*er*petual almes, as is a-boue-seyd. Thys wytnes many on, rehersyd in the same: & thys is w*ith*-out date.

[NOTE.—The translation here requires correction from the Latin of the Exchequer MS.:—Bernard of St. Valerie, with the consent of his heirs Reginald[7] and Bernard, lets all men, French and English, know that he has given to Godstow . . . (*a*) the island in which the church is built, with its pertinences, (*b*) all 'licheseia'; (*c*) the mill of Wolgaricote and boieham and heringesham and la[m]beie, (*d*) et unam piscariam (piscatoriam, in no. 773) cum werehamo, etc. Later names are (1) pecheseia, (2) eardintuna, (3) leaga[5], et mansura Sladium[6] (?). Among the witnesses are Richard Hareng and Vincent of Wytham.

[1] As in his son's confirmation, which follows.

[2] 'Radulphus' became rural dean of Oxford, circ. 1165.

[3] The island 'between two bridges' is that on which the well-known Trout Inn at Godstow now stands.

[4] 'Erdinton' is the old spelling for Yarnton.

[5] 'Leigh,' i. e. North Leigh, north of Godstow, a manor of the St. Valeries.

[6] Corrupt readings, concealing the name of a tenant, parallel to 'Osmund,' supra.

[7] Eldest son, but died before his father.

This deed is a confirmation of gifts which were bestowed by Bernard's (? uncle), John of St. John (no. 3), and afterwards confirmed by his father Reginald of St. Valerie (no. 771).]

About 1195.

[773.] A confirmacion[1] of Thomas of seynt walery of the chartur of bernard of seynt walery I-made to kynge henry þe secunde.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Thomas of St. Valerie (d. 1217) of his father Bernard's gift (no. 772).

THE sentence of dede is, a confirmac*ion* of Thomas of seynt walery, the sonne of bernard a-boue-seyd, howe he hath graun*t*id all that yft of Bernard hys fadur, grauntyd to henry kynge of ynglond, the sonne of Mald that worshypful emp*er*ice. Also he confermith, in thys same dede, all that seyd yft that kynge henry forseyd made to the forseyd Mynchyns of Godstowe of the towne of woluercote, to hold, in pese, al that forseyd yft, w*ith* all purtynaunce, for euyr, as the chartur of the seyd kynge henry beryth wyttenes & *cetera*: & thys is w*ith*-out date.

* leaf III or 15. About 1220.

Sale to Godstow, by Richard Barbour, of two messuages.

[774.] * a final a-corde I-made of ij. meses in the towne of wolgoryscote.

THE sentence of thys is, a final concorde of ij. Meses, w*ith* the purtynauns, in wolgarcote, whych wer in varyaunce be-twene Richard Barbour, Matyld hys wyfe, and Cristian the sistre of the same, And anfelise the Abbas of Godstowe; by the whyche a-corde, made in thy kyng*es* court at westmynstre, the day of seynt Hyllary, a-fore many Iustys in the same place, the seyd Rychard & *cetera*, hathe renu*n*syd & quyt-claymyd, for hym & her heyrys, vn-to the chyrche of Godstow for euyrmore: for the whych recognicion the Abbas gafe to the seyd Richard xlvj. *shilling* viij. d.

[Hilary = Jan. 13.]

Purchase-money. 3½ marcs.

* leaf 145. 1239, June 11.

Commissioners appointed by pope Gregory IX to examine claims of

[775.] * Seynt Petir parisshe in the Est[2]. A delegacie ayenst the vicary of Seynt Petir in the Est.

THE sentence of this delegacie is, that Gregory, Bisshop, s*er*uant to the seruantis of god, greted, or sente to his welbeloued dean and archidekon of herford hailysyng and his blissyng, willyng to be know to all the children of our modir the chirch, that Rob*ert*[3], p*er*petuel vicary of seynt Petir chirche in the Est

[1] The Latin text is in *Monast.* iv. 363.

[2] Wolvercote, three miles from the north gate of Oxford, was a chapelry of the city parish of St. Peter's in the East.

[3] Robert of York, admitted vicar 1236: Wood's *City of Oxford*, iii. 96.

of Oxenford, playnyng, shewes that the abbot of Oseneye, and the abbesse of Godestowe and her couente, the maist*er* of seynt Iohn hospitall w*ith*out the Est yate, and some other of lyncolne wirceter and london Citeis and diocises, did wronge to the same, vpon tithes, possessions, questis, and other thyngis. Therfor the pope commaunded to their discrecion, by his writyng, that, the parties I-called, and I-herd the cause, and appelyng I-put away, and hit dewly I-ended, they shold make hit so that that they decreed shold be surely I-obserued by the censure of the chirch. And the witnesses that were I-named, yf they w*ith*-drow themself for favour*e*, haterede, or drede, they shold constreyne them to bere witnesse to * the trouthe, appelyng cesyng. The date at Vit*er*[b]e, the nonys of may, of his Bisshophode the xj. yere.

Robert, vicar of St. Peter's in the East, against Godstow, and others, for tithes. [Formula of a papal commission.]

* leaf 145, back. = 1238, May 7.

Than sithe the said Rob*er*t, Vicary, by auctorite of this maundemente, had I-draw the forsaid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe into ple afore the said Iuges, and had I-made vndir this forme: The said Vicary axed of the said abbesse and Couente tythis of their mylles of Wolgarecote, by the com*m*une law longyng to the said chirche, sithe they were w*ith*in the lymytes and markes of the said parissh chirch of seynt Petir at the Est of Oxenford; Also he axed the tithes of ther medys beyng at Walgarecote, p*er*teynyng to the said chirch, forasmoche as they were w*ith*-in the lymytes or markes of the said p*ar*issh chirch; Also he axed the tythis of the norisshyng of ther bestes, the which ben I-fedde and lye w*ith*in the lymytes of his p*ar*issh; Also he axed that the s*er*uantis of the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, the which were liyng and arisyng at Wolgarecote, shold be compelled to here ther dyvyne s*er*uyces and ther to do ther rightis that longe to a parissh. These thynges he said, savyng to hym-self the benefice of lawe, The stryf of this lawfully I-contestate.

The vicar claimed, as due to him by Godstow, in Wolvercote, being a chapel-of-ease of St. Peter's in the East parish, (*a*) tithes of the mills, (*b*) tithes of the meadows, (*c*) tithes of calves and lambs, (*d*) parish-duties from Godstow servants there resident.

And whan the said Robert, Vicary, p*er*sonally, and the said mynchons by hereberte ther chapeleyn, p*ro*curatour specially to that I-yeve, comperyng in the p*re*sence of the bisshop of lyncolne, and there had I-swore, leiyng or towchyng the holy Godespellys w*ith* ther hondes, that they shold stond to their p*ro*uision, Iugement, and ordeynyng, vpon the said tithes I-axed and vpon all thynge towchyng that ple, renu*n*cyng to the said lett*er*s, and

to all̃ other I-gote or to be gote, accion̄, cauillacion̄, excepcion, and appelyng, and all̃ remedy of bothe lawes.

Godstow produced papal privileges, exempting them from the tithes asked,

And sithe that the said̄ mynchons shewed̄ theire privilegis full̃ spedefull̃, by the which̄ they were exempte fro yevyng of the said̄ tythes of norisshyng of bestis in ther pasture, and that hit was I-shewed̄ lawfully to them by the same privilegis, in ther audience I-redde, rehersed̄, and I-vndirstonde: They assoiled̄ hem fro the yevyng of the tythes of the norisshyng of ther bestis; and of other tythes abouesaid̄, that is to sey, of Medis, mylles; and of the *ser*uauntis of the said̄ mynchons, lying and risyng at wolgarecote, resceivyng ther wagis and nedefull̃ vitaile of the house of Godestowe (out-take them that haue wyfes and ther owne housholdes in the towne of wolgarecote).

also exempting from parish-duty such of their servants as were not married householders.

They decreid̄, after they had I-co*m*muned̄ w*ith* the counseil of wise men, havyng god and equyte byfore ther sightis, ordeynyng, iugyng, and p*r*ovidyng, that, w*ith*-out ony stryf̄, they sold̄ longe to the chirche of Godestowe and abidyng for eu*er*: So natheles that the tythes of the villenagis of medys and litel̃ medis of the same towne sold̄ be sauf̄ to seynt Petir chirch̄, in whos possesion̄ they were in the tyme of this composicion̄, that is to sey, of all̃ northmede, w*ith* the tythes of the hamme the which̄ was I-yeve somtyme * to the said̄ chirche of seynt Petir in the name of the tythes, the which̄ is I-called̄ herthesham (out-take ij. hammes, the which̄ ben̄ of the demayn̄ of the said̄ abbesse and Couente in the same northmede, Wherof the tythes were never I-yeve; and out-take ij. acris the which̄ ben also of the demayn̄ of the said̄ abbesse and Couente, the which̄ longe to the mylle of wolgarecote; And out-take the hedis of the mylle crofte). And that the chirche of Godestowe, for the goodnesse of pease, sold̄ be I-bounde for ever to pay iij. *shillings* yerely to the vicary of seynt Petir at the Est of Oxenford̄, at the fest of seynt Martyn̄, in wolgarecote Chapel̃. And they decreid̄ this ther composicion̄ to be riall̃, the which̄ p*ar*ties, and also Pounce de pontib*us*[1] or (in englyssh̄) of well*es*, than p*er*son̄ of the said̄ chirch̄ of seynt Petir, graunted̄ the composicion̄ to be to them ryall̃, to be stronge bitwene the said̄ chirches for eu*er*, and toke hit lefe, with̄ opyn̄ consente, yf the bisshop̄ of lyncolne wold̄ conferme hit w*ith* his

The vicar was awarded (*a*) tithes of meadows held in villeinage, (*b*) tithes of certain specified 'little meads,'

* leaf 146.

(*c*) a pension of 3*s* to be paid each November 11th, in Wolvercotechapel.

The rectors of St. Peter's in the East,

[1] Read 'fontibus.' Possibly a dictation-error, since there is no 'f' which a copyist could mistake for 'p.'

auctorite. Also the said' p*ar*ties subiected' them self, w*ith* ther owne good' wille, to the ordeynyng' and wille of the worshipfull' fadir bisshop̄ of lyncolne, that he shold' haue full' power of aboue-
4 said' composicion̄, to compelle the said' p*ar*ties to kepe the composicion̄ yf they wold' not. And that this composicion̄ shold' abide riall' and p*er*petuall', they put-to their seales, and also the seales of the p*ar*ties, eu*er*ych to other, to this
8 composicion̄ I-chart*er*ed'. I-acted' at Godestowe, in seynt Barnabe day the appostle, the yere of grace a thousand' CC xxxix.

as also Godstow, and the vicar, submitted themselves to the diocesan in respect of the above award.

[Barnabas = June 11.]

[776.] **A Confirmacion of the bisshop̄ of lyncolne, confermyng' the riall' and p*er*petuel composicion̄ bitwene Rob*er*t, Vicary of seynt Petir chirch at the Est of Oxenford', and the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, & *cetera*.** 1239.

THE Bisshop̄ of lyncolne, Rob*er*t, willed' to be know to
12 all' cristen men, that he had' sey and behold' the ordeynyng' I-made by his welbeloved' sonys in crist, mais*ter* Rob*er*t Cadeneye his official', and mais*ter* Roger Wyseh*am* Archidekon̄ of Oxenford', vpon the contrau*er*sie I-meved' bitwene Rob*er*t, vicary
16 of seynt Petir in the Est of Oxenford', of the one p*ar*te, and the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of the other p*ar*tie, in these wordes :—'Be hit I-know to all' the children̄ of our modir the chirch that ben to se and to here this p*re*sent writyng' of mais*ter*
20 Rob*er*t Cadeneye, official' of the bisshop̄ of lyncolne, and Roger Wyseh*am*, Archidekon̄ of Oxenford', that we saw the lettres of our holy fadir the pope vndir this f*or*me—"Gregory, bis shop̄, s*er*uaunte of s*er*uauntis, to his welbeloved' children̄, dean̄
24 and Archidekon̄ of herford', helth and blissyng' of the appostle. Rob*er*t, p*er*petuel vicary of the chirch of seynt Petir at the Est of Oxenford', playned', shewyng to hym that the abbot of Oseneye, and the abbesse of Godestowe and their Couente, mais*ter* and
28 brethern̄ of the hospitall' of seynt Iohn w*ith*out the Est yate of Oxenford', and some other of lyncolne Worcet*er* and * London̄ Citees and diocises, vpon̄ tythes, possessions, quethyngis, and

Confirmation to Godstow, of preceding award, by Robert Grostête, bishop of Lincoln (1235–53),

acting on advice of his official and of the Archdeacon of Oxford, on perusal of the whole case; viz. Pope's commission.

* leaf 146, back.

other thynges, wronged' the same. And therfor he comaunded' to ther discrecoñ by his apostolike writyngis that, the parties I-called', and herde the cause, appelyng' I-put a-side, that they shold' with a dewe ende ende hit, makyng' that that they decreed' to be observed' or I-kepid' surely by the censure of the chirche, and that the witnesse that were I-called', yf they withdrow them-self for fauour haterede or drede, they shold' constreyñ them to bere witnesse of the trouthe by the same censure, appelyng' cesyng'. The date at Viterbe the nonys of May, of his popehode the xj. yere. And whan the said' Robert, vicary, by this maner auctorite, had' I-draw the said' Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe afore the said' Iuges into ple, and had' I-made to them vndir this fourme: The said' vicary axed' of the said' abbesse and Couente tythes of ther mylles of wolgarecote, to the said' chirch' longyng' of the commune lawe, for-asmoche as they beñ with-in the lymytes of the parissh of the said' chirche. Also he axed' the tythes of the norisshyng' of theire bestis, the which beñ I-fedde and ben I-logged' with-in the lymytes of his parissh. Also he axed' of the seruauntis of the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, that beñ liynge or cowchaunte and vprisynge at wolgarecote, shold' be I-constreyned' to hire goddis seruyce at wolgarecote and ther to pay parochial rightis. These thynges said' he, savyng' to hym the benefice of lawe, the stryf lawfully vpoñ these thynges contestate. And whan the said' Robert, vicary, personaly, and the said' mynchons, by hereberte ther chapeleyñ, specially procuratour' I-yefe to that, had' I-swore in the presence of the bisshop of lyncoln, and ther comperyng, ther hondes towchyng' the holy godspelles, þat they shold' stonde to his prouysioñ, arbitrement, and ordeynynge vp-on the said' tythes I-axed', and vpon all thynges towchyng' that plee, renounsyng' to the said' lettres and all other I-gete or to be gote, cauellacioñ, excepcioñ, and appelyng', and all remedy of bothe lawes. And whan the said' mynchons had' I-shewed' in his presence their pryvilegis full spedefull by the which they were I-exempte fro the grauntyng' of the said' tythes of norisshyng of bestis, And was I-know to hym by the same pryvylegis, I-rede, I-rehersed', and I-vndirstonde, in his audience, [he] assoyled' the same mynchons fro the said' tythes of the norisshyng' of bestis and of the other said' tythes of medes, mylles, and of the

[= 1238, May 7.]

Vicar's demand.

Godstow's plea of exemption.

*ser*uauntis at Wolgarecote liyng and arisyng, resceivyng ther wagis and necessary vitaile of the hous of Godestowe (out-take *ser*uauntes havyng wyfes or *pro*pir houses in the towne of
4 wolgarecote), ordeynyng arbitryng and *pro*uydyng, havyng god and right afore sight, w*ith* the counseil I-co*m*muned of wisemen, decreid that w*ith*out stryf * they sold *per*teyne to the house of Godestowe for eu*er*, and remayne: so, natheles, that all the
8 tythes of the villenagis of medis and heyis of the same town sold be saf to the chirch of seynt Petir, in whos possession they were in the tyme of this composicion, that is to sey, of all the north mede, w*ith* the tythes of the hamme (the which were I-yove
12 somtyme to the chirch of seynt Petir in the name of the tythes) the which is I-called herthesh*am*, out-take ij. hammes the which ben of the demayn of the saide abbesse and Couente in the said northmede wherof the tythes were never I-yeve, And out-
16 take ij. acres that ben also of the demayn of the said abbesse and Couente, the which longe to the mylle of wolgarecote, And out-take the hedes of the mylle crofte. And that the chirche of Godestowe, for the goodnesse of pease, sold be bounde to pay
20 yerely iij. s*hillings* to the vicary of seynt Petir at the Est of Oxenford, at the fest of seynt Martyn, in the chapell of Wolgarecote. The which p*ar*tyes, and also Pounce of the well*es*, than p*er*son of the said chirche of seynt Petir, graunted
24 and accepted, w*ith* opyn consent to them, rial composicion bitwen the said chirche to be stronge for ever. And the bisshop decreid his ordeynyng and p*ro*uision to be a rial composicion to the p*ar*ties. And yf the bisshop of lyncolne wold conferme hit
28 w*ith* his episcopall auctorite, the p*ar*ties subiected them-self (w*ith* ther owne wille) to his ordeynyng and wille, that he sold haue power of the abouesaid composicion to compelle the p*ar*ties not willyng to kepe the composicion. And that this
32 composicion sold be rial and p*er*petuell, they made their seales to be putte, eu*er*ych to others composicion I-chart*er*ed, also w*ith* the seales of the bisshop. I-acted and I-do at Godestowe, in seynt Barnabe the appostels day, the yere of
36 grace M^l^. CC. xxxix. And the bisshop, ratifiyng the same ordeynynge, al so moche as was in hym, confermed hit w*ith* his episcopall auctorite, as hit was customably and rightfully I-made.

Award made.

* leaf 147.

Ratification by the diocesan.

1239. **[777.] A memoriall I-made bitwene the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe and Robert vicary of seynt Petir of the Est of Oxenforde.**

Minute of agreement between Godstow and the vicar of St. Peter's in the East, in terms of the award (as in nos. 775 and 776).

Hit is to be mynded this to be the fourme of the composicion I-be-gonne bitwene Robert, vicary of seynt Petir of the Est of Oxenford, of the one parte, and the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of the other parte, afore maister Robert Cadeneye officiall of lyncolne and maister Roger Wiseham archidekon of Oxenford, vpon the tythes of the mylles, medes, norisshyngis of bestis, and sequelys of seruauntis at Wolgarecote lying and risyng, the which the said Robert, Vicary, axed of the said mynchons, afore the archidekon of herford and his felawes, delegatis of the pope, as longyng by the commune law to the said chirch of seynt Petir by the reson of the vicary: that is to sey, that the said Robert, personally comperyng, and the said mynchons, by hereberte her chapeleyn, specially procuratour I-yefe to that, swore, leiyng ther hondes vpon the holy Godspellys, that they wold stonde to the prouysion arbitrement and ordeynyng of the said officiall and archidekon vpon the said tythes I-axed and vpon all thynges towchynge *the same plee, renouncyng to all thynges I-gete or to be gete, accion, cauillacion, and appelyng, and all remedy of bothe lawes. Than the said official and Archidekon, the priuylegis of the mynchons I-sey and I-loked, assoyled them fro the yevyng of mynute or smale tythes, but of other I-axed it was provyded in this wise, of the said officiall and archidekon, that the saide mynchons, for the goodnesse of pease, shold yeve to the said Robert, in the name of his chirche, iij. *shillings* yerely and vj. mark, for his expensis I-do in the stryf, And that yf hit happened that the composicion bitwene parties myght be ryall, and yf hit were not riall, hit shold be in the ordeynyng and prouysion to prouyde another forme bitwene perties the obligacion of bothe parties abidyng sure, and the renounsyng of the same, vndir the forsaide fourme.

* leaf 147, back.

Godstow assoiled from giving the small tithes; vicar to receive a pension of 3*s.* yearly, and to be allowed £4 for his expenses in the suit.

1240. **[778.] A ratefiyng of the same I-made by Pounce of Welles, person of Seynt Petir in the Est of Oxenforde, & *cetera*.**

Confirmation to Godstow,

The sentence of this ratefiyng is, that Pounce of welles, person of seynt Petir chirche at the Est of Oxenford, willed to

be know to all them *þat* se this writyng, that he, in the name of his chirch, had and toke hit for sure and to be plesed whatso-eu*er* thynge the worshipfull men, maist*er* Roger Wyseh*am* Archidekon of Oxenford and maist*er* Rob*er*t Cadeneye officiall of lyncolne, vpon the contrau*er*sye I-meved bitwene Rob*er*t, vicary of his said chirch, of the one p*ar*te, and the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of the other p*ar*tie, vpon all the tythes of the mylles, medis, norisshyngis of bestis, and sequelis of *ser*uauntis at wolgarecote liyng and vprisyng, comyng forth, the which the said vicary axed of the said mynchons, afore the dean of herford and his felawes, delegatis of the pope, as longyng to the said chirch of seynt Petir of right by the reson of his vicariage, they accorded to be ordeyned in this wyse, So nathelesse that Rob*er*t, Bisshop of lyncolne, the worshipfull, of his wille and consente expressed, the ordeynyng of the forsaid maist*er*s I-made vpon the p*re*mysses fully I-loked and I-sey and I-vndirstonded diligently, shold haue power full, of the same ordeynyng, to chaunge, encrese, and to lessen, as he saw hit best to spede. And yf either of the other of the forsaid maist*er*s myght not be at the forsaid ordeynyng to be made w*ith*in the fest of seynt myghell next comyng, and that notw*ith*stondyng that the said p*ar*ties haue submytted them-self to the ordeynyng of the forsaid maist*er*s Archidekon and official, the forsaide worshipfull fadir bisshop of lyncolne, vpon all the p*re*mysses, as he semyth best to spede, shold make an ordeynyng to dure for eu*er*. And that this his ratefiyng shold abide afterward stedfast and sure, he strengthed hit w*ith* the defence and suerte of his sele to the forsaid abbesse and mynchons, w*ith* his owne good wille, he graunted to be sealed. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*. These thynges I-acted at the old temple at london the yere of grace M[l] . CC . and xl[ti].

by the rector of St. Peter's in the East, of the award (as in nos. 775 and 776).

[The Old Temple, London.]

[779.] A Couenaunte I-made bitwene the Abbesse of Godestowe and

[Fragment.]

[A leaf is missing [1].]

[WYCHWOOD FOREST: nos. 312 and 324.]

[1] In the Exchequer MS., no. 778, is on leaf 139, and is followed by the 'Risindone' section, beginning with nos. 186, 187. The order in the English Register was therefore different; and we have thus no clue to the contents of the mutilated deed.

SOMERSET

[LAMYAT, near Bruton.]

[NOTE.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow was still in receipt (*Monast.* iv. 375) of the pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* from Lamyat church. The dedication of the church is to St. Mary and St. John Evangelist. The presentations at the time of the dissolution were :—1530, 27 Aug., John Pyll, presented by Godstow ; 1541, 30 Oct., Thomas Hunt, presenter not stated ; no date, John Cole, presented, on Hunt's death, by Richard Gwent, Archdeacon of London, and Thomas Powell, LL.B., to whom Godstow had granted next presentation ; 1555, Apr. 23, Thomas Cowper, presented by Carolus Dummer de Chiriton (North Cheriton, Somerset).]

* leaf 86, back. About 1190. Godstow having obtained the advowson from Baldwin de Columbers, the diocesan instituted Godstow presentee,

[780.] * A Charter of Raynold, Bisshop of Bathe, of Lamyet.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raynold[1], by the grace of god bisshop of Bathe, willed to be know that Baldewyn of Columbarijs, in full seyne[2] at Bathe, resigned in-to his hondes all the right that he had in the chirch of lamyet as aduocate and lord of the grounde, and graunted that chirche forsaid, *with* all his *per*tynentis, to god and to the chirch of Godestowe, for his sowle and of his *pre*decessours, into *per*petuel almesse. And therfore the bisshop resceived, at the *pre*sentacion of the abbesse and of the holy mynchons of Godestowe, into the *per*son, Richard, Chapellayn of[3] [. . .], the which, in the name of the same chirche of lamyet, is I-bound for eu*er* to yeld a yerely pension of half a mark, to the chirche of Godestowe at the Vtas of Seynt Iohn Baptist : that truly to be done, *with*-out gyle and Ivel[4] ymagynyng, the same Richard put his hond, and behight surely by his trowthe to be hold ; and that hit shold be sure he strengthed hit by his seale, & *cetera*.

subjecting the church to a pension to Godstow of 6*s.* 8*d.* on every July 1.

[1] Reginald Fitzjoceline, bishop of Bath, 1174–91.
[2] Latin is 'in pleno sinodo.'
[3] In the Latin : 'Ricardum Capellanum de Vol., qui nomine eiusdem ecclesie.'
[4] i. e. evil.

[781.] A-nother Charter of the same bisshop̄ of Bathe confermyng the same.

About 1190.

Confirmation to Godstow, by the diocesan, of no. 780,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raynold, by the grace of god Bisshop̄ of Bathe, willed to be know to all men, to put out of dowte thyngis I-do in that tyme, and they that shold bide more surere in tyme to come, made a graunte and confermed that graunte the which that Baldewyn of Columbarijs, for godis sake, and by his monycion, made to god and to oure lady and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the
8 mynchons there servyng god, vpon the chirch of lamyet, with all the pertynentis, to be had and to be hold frely and quyetly, into pure and perpetuel almesse, as hit was I-graunted of the forsaid Baldewyn; he graunted and confermed and made sure by the
12 help of þis present writyng and puttyng to of his seale, ordeyned that they euery yere * toke, in the name of a pension, in the tyme of Richard, Chapellayn, in the same chirche, half j. marke of siluer. And after the dethe of the said Richard hit shold be
16 lawfully to them, after ther owne Iugement, to encrese the pension, savyng the vicariage of the Chapelayn that shold serve for the same chirch euer.

* leaf 87. with power to take a larger pension after cession of present vicar.

[782.] * A Charter of Raynaund bisshop̄ of Bathe of Lamiete.

* leaf 87, back. About 1190.

Incomplete draft of no. 781.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raynaund, Bisshop
20 of Bathe, willed to put out of doute tho thyngis that were I-do in tyme, and that they shold be more sure in tyme to come, confermed the graunte that Bawdewyn Columbers, for goddis sake, and [by] his steryng, made to god and to oure lady seynt marie
24 and to the chirch of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god, vpon the chirche of lamyete, to be had and to be hold, with all his pertynentis, to the fore-writte monastery and to the forsaid mynchons, frely and quyetly, into
28 fre pure and perpetuel almesse, as hit was I-graunted to them of the forsaid Bawdewyn; and to this graunte and confermyng, he strengthed hit by the puttyng to of his seale.

* leaf 87.
1220.

[783.] * A Charter of Robert Columbers confermyng the same.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Robert of Columbers, of the advowson, as in no. 780.

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Robert Columbers, for goddis sake and for the helthe of his sowle and of his fadir and of his modir and of all his auncetours and his successours, yaf, graunted & *cetera*, to god, & *cetera*, and to the mynchons of Godestowe, the chirche of lamyet, with all the pertynentis, into pure and perpetuell almesse, To be had and to be hold, frely, quyetly, worshipfully, wele, and in pease. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

1220,
Oct. 6.

[784.] A fynall accorde I-made in the kyngis courte of ye pension of Lamyet.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Robert Columbers, of all title in the advowson of Lamyat church,

THIS was the fynall acorde, I-made in the kyngis courte at westmynster, in the vtas of Seynt Michell, in the iiij. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, afore Robert le vere Erle of Oxenford, Martyn of pateshull, Raaf Hardyng, Thomas Heydon, Robert Raxinden, Iusticis, and other trew men of the kyngis there beyng present, bitwene Felice abbesse of Godestowe, axere, by Petir of Donyngton I-sette in her stede to gete or to lese, and Robert Columbers, deforsyng, of the Avowry of the chirche of Lamiete, wherof 'assise of the last presentacion' was I-summyned bytwene [them] in the forsaid courte, that is to sey, that the forsaid Robert knowleched the avowry of the forsaid chirch to be the right of the forsaid abbesse, and remytted it, and quyte-claymed hit, of hym and his heires, to the same abbesse and abbesses that sholde succede her and to the chirche of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe for ever. And the forsaid abbesse and couent resceived the same Robert and his heires in her almesse and praiers that shold be do afterward or fro that tyme forthe in her chirche of Godestowe for ever.

[Assise of the last presentation.]

in return for commemoration in the conventual prayers.

1222,
Nov. 19.

[785.] A Charter of Iocelyn, Bisshop of Bathe, confermyng the same with another half marke of Siluer yerely.

Re-grant to Godstow, by Jocelyn de Welles,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iocelyn, bisshop of Bathe, for the love of god, of the assent also and the wille of his chapiters, graunted to his welbeloved in crist abbesse

of Godestowe and mynchons there dwellyng, of the chirche of lamiete one yerely half mark, beside the half mark, the whiche they had eu*er*y yere before of the same chirche, So trewly
4 that they shold take of the same chirche in the name of a perpetuell benefice j. hole marke, the which they were I-wonyd to take after the discesse of Iohn Bristowe, clerk, now of the same chirche p*er*son, to[1] the t*er*me in the which they were I-woned to
8 take the half mark, [that is to say,] at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*. The date, by his owne hond, the xiij. kalende of Decembre, the xvj. yere of his bisshopriche.

bp. of Bath and Wells (1206–42), of a second 6*s.* 8*d.* of yearly pension out of Lamyat church.

[786.] A Chart*er* of the Priour and Couent of Bathe of Lamiete. 1222.

12 THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Rob*er*t, Priour, and Couent of Bathe, seyng the chart*er* of the worshipfull fadir, Lord Iocelyn, Bisshop of Bathe, in * this fo*ur*me, that the said Iocelyn, by the grace of god bisshop of Bathe, for goddis sake,
16 of the assent also and wille of his chapit*er*s, graunted to his welbeloved in crist abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, of the chirche of Lamiete one half mark yerely and j. other half mark the which they were I-woned eu*er*y yere afore to take, so sothly,
20 that after the dethe of Iohn Bristowe, clerk, now p*er*son of the same chirche, at the t*er*me in the which they were I-wonyd to take the forsaid half mark, that is to sey, at the fest of the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, they shold take yerely in the
24 name of a p*er*petuell benefice of the same one half[2] mark. And that this yifte shold be sure, & *cetera*. The date, by his hond, at Dorkeces*ter*, the xiij. kalendis of decembre, in the xvj. yere of his bisshopriche: they co*n*fermed and graunted the graunte
28 aforsaid, of the worshipfull aforsaid, of the[r] co*m*mune assent, with this present writyng, and put to the*r*e seale, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, * leaf 87, back. by Bath priory, of no. 785.

[787.] A Chart*er* of Pet*er*, dean, and of the Chapit*er* of Welles, for Lamyete. 1222.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Petir[3], dean, and the chapit*er* of Well*e*s, knowleched them-self to haue I-loked and

Confirmation to Godstow,

[1] For 'to' read 'at.' [2] For 'half' read 'hole.'
[3] Peter de Cicetur, dean, 1220–36.

by dean and chapter of Wells, of no. 785.

behold' the charter of the worshipfull fadir, lord' Iocelyn, by the grace of god, bisshop of Bathe, to the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe I-yeve vndir this fourme: Iocelyn, by the grace of god, bisshop of Bathe, willed' to euery man to know that he, for * goddis sake, of the assent also and wille of his chapiters, graunted' to his welbeloved' in crist the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe of the chirche of lamyete one yerely halfmark, beside one other half mark, the which they toke before of that chirche euery yere, so, sothely, that they shold' take yerely of the same chirche one hole mark, in the name of a perpetuel benefice, aftir the decesse and dethe of Iohn Bristowe, Clerk, now person of the same chirche, at the terme in the which they were I-wonyd' to take the forsaid' half mark, that is to sey, at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist. And that this his graunte shold' be sure for ever, he put to this writyng his seale. The date, by his hond', at Dorkecestre, the xiij. kalendis of decembre, the xvj. yere of his bisshoprich: They, that is to sey, the chapiter, yaf assent to the forsaid' writyng, confermed' hit by the puttyng to of ther seale of there Chapitere.

* leaf 88.

* leaf 87, back. 1234, Oct. 7.

On presentation by Godstow, Gilbert of Biham is admitted incumbent, Godstow pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* being reserved.

[788.] * A confirmacion of Iocelyn, Bisshop of Bath, of Lamyete.

IOCELYN, by the grace of god, bisshop of bathe, willed' to be know that, at the presentacion of Anphelice, abbesse, and of the Couent of Godestowe, he admytted' Gilbert Byham to the chirche of lamyete, and institute hym, in the same, person, willyng and grauntyng that he shold' haue and hold' that chirche with all his pertynentis, all the tyme of his lyf, frely holy and pesibly, as person, savyng a yerely mark, to the forsaid' abbesse and couent of the same chirche in the name of a perpetuel benefice by the hand' of the forsaid' Gilbert to be receyued' of the forsaid' mynchons in the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, Savyng also the bisshopes customes and the dignyte of his chirches in all thyngis. And that hit shold' be sure, he put to hit his seale. The date at Dorkecestre, by the hand' of maister water[1] Maydenestan, the saturday next after the fest of Seynt Feithe, The xxviij. yere of his Bisshopriche.

[Faith = Oct. 6.]

[1] i. e. Walter.

[789.] *A Charter of R*obert*, Bisshop̄ of Bathe, of Lamyete. * leaf 88. 1280, July 12.

THE sentence of this charter is, that R*obert* [1], by the suffraunce of god bisshop̄ of Bathe and of Welles, at the p*re*sentacion̄ of his welbeloved̄ doughtirs in crist, R*ose*, abbesse, and Couent of Godestowe, admytted̄ maister henry Esse, Chanon̄ of Well*es*, to the p*ar*issh̄ chirche of lamyete, and institute hym p*er*petuel p*er*son̄, so nathelesse that the same maister henry, p*er*son̄ of the fore-myn[d]ed̄ chirche or another that shold̄ be for the tyme, shold̄ pay eu*er*y yere to the forsaid̄ abbesse and Couent one marke of a yerely pension̄ of the forsaid̄ chirche in the fest of the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist. In-to witnesse of the same thyng, he lette make thise l*ett*res patentis. The date, at Dogmerysfeld̄, the iiij. Id*es* of Iule, The yere of our lord̄ M̄ CC lxxx and Sixte yere of his bisshoprich̄.

Godstow presentee is instituted by the diocesan,

Godstow pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* being reserved.

[Dagmersfield, Hampshire.]

[790.] An Instrument that conteynyth that the p*er*son̄ of lamyete sholde paye and bere his pension̄ to Godestowe and that he sholde never resigne out of Englonde. 1376, Dec. 18.

IN dei n*omine* amen, hit is I-shewed̄ by this p*re*sent Instrument openly to all̄ men, that, in the yere of our lord̄ a thowsand̄ CCC lxxvj, the xviij. day of the monthe of decembre, the xv Indiccion̄, of the most holy fadir in crist and lord̄, lord̄ [Gregory] the xj. by the p*ro*uidence of god, pope, the vj^te^ yere, in the p*re*sence of me opyn notary and of witnesse vndir-writte, s*er* Thom*as* Fraunceys, a discrete man, p*er*sonally I-sette p*re*ste vicar*e* of the p*re*bendall̄ chirche of Button̄ [2] of Worcetir diosise, said̄ and also knowleched̄, w*ith* his own̄ fre and good̄ wille, as hit semed̄, in the p*re*sence of the lady prioresse of the monastery of the mynchons of Godestowe and of many other ladies and mynchons of the said̄ monast*er*y there beynḡ that tyme, [th]at [3] the p*ar*issh̄ chirch̄ of lamyete of the diocese of welles, longynḡ to the presentacion̄ of the lady Abbesse and Couent of the monast*er*y of mynchons of Godestowe, (the [4] forsaid̄ chirch̄) was pensionary

Acknowledgement to Godstow,

by Thomas Francis, presentee,

[1] Robert Burnell, bishop 1275–92.
[2] Bitton, co. Glouc., near Bath.
[3] The translator comes to grief with the accusative and infinitive.
[4] Omit the bracketed words.

of the liability of the church to pay the yearly pension of 13*s.* 4*d.*; * leaf 88, back. and solemn undertaking that, if Godstow sanctioned his obtaining the church by exchange, he would pay the pension punctually, and that he would not resign out of England.

in one mark, of sterlyngis to be paid and dew eu*er*y yere to the abbesse and Couent of the monast*er*y of mynchons of Godestowe aforsaid in the fest of seynt Michel. Furthermore the said Thomas Fraunceys, prest, p*ro*mysed, and also graunted, to the lady 4 prioresse, and also to the ladyes and mynchons aforsaid * there at that tyme, in the name of the monast*er*y and of ther*e* howse, to them ther*e* beyng p*re*sent, that whan he had I-gete by wey of p*er*mutacion the said chirche of lamyete aforesaid, than the 8 same Thomas Fraunceys wold brynge yerely, or purveye to be brought, w*ith* his owne costis and expensis, the said yerely pension of j. mark, and holy and truly wold paye hit w*ith*-in the viij. dayes of seynt Michell. Also he p*ro*mysed þ*at* he wold 12 never resigne the said chirch of lamyete out of Englond or the Ream of Englond, to the which all and eu*er*ych to be do, fulfilled, and to be hold, the said Thomas Fraunceys p*re*ste graunted and made an othe bodely there, touchy*ng* at that tyme the holy 16 godspelles of god. Vpon the whiche all, the said Thomas, preste, requyred instantly an open notary to make one or mo Instrumentis, bothe to them and also to other of the which myght be int*er*esse therof. All these thyngis were I-do in the 20 Chapell of oure lady in the monast*er*y of Godestowe aforesaid, the yere, Indiccion, [yere] of the pope, monthe, day, and place aforsaid ther*e* beyng p*re*sent at that tyme discrete men, sir William Mannyng, Iohn Spenser*e*, and Geffrey Benh*a*m, clerkis of 24 the diocisis of Well and lyncolne, and other witnessis special to fore-put thyngis I-called and p*r*aied; and Edmond Warh*a*m, clerk, of Norwych diocise, opyn notary by auctorite of the pope and of the Emp*er*oure, all the fore thyngis and eu*er*ych, while 28 they were so I-labored and I-draw, herd, and wrote, and turned into this open forme, and signed hit w*ith* his signe and name [usual] and wonyd, I-prayed and requyred, in-to feyth and witnesse of all the afore-put thyngis. 32

SUSSEX

[Bodington.]

[Note.—In 1291, in pope Nicholas IV's valuation, Godstow property in Bodington and Old Shoreham was returned as worth £4 18*s.* yearly. At the dissolution in 1540 (*Monast.* iv. 374) it was put at £5 13*s.* 4*d.*, and the charges on it were 6*d.* to the Duke of Norfolk for a pair of gilt spurs, payable in Bramber Castle, and 2*s.* for a fine for leave of absence from his court, and a fee to the duke's bailiff for collecting that rent at Godstow.]

[791.] * A Charter of Raynold of Brensia, confermyng to Henry of seynt waleric, for his homage and service, hugh de la punde, with all his catalles and sequelis, and all the lond that the same Symond holdith in Bodyngton.

*** leaf 214, back. About 1218.**

* The sentence of this Charter is, that Raynold of Brensia yaf, graunted, and by there charter confermed, to henry of Seynt waleric, for his homage and service, Symond de La Punde, with all his catalles and with all his sequele, and with all his lond, which the same Symond holdith in Apsele, and with all the lond that the same Symond holdith in Digehurste and in the punde, with all his pertynentis, and Middelcote, with all his pertynentis, and all the lond of the hoke, with all the pertynentis, and all the lond of Bodyngton, with the pertynentis, and all the lond which walter of Draypode held, with the pertynentis, that is forto sey, iiij. acres of lond which lieth next Redewelle, and an acre of lond above Shiplond, and vj. acres of lond in Foxenhole, and a yerde lond with his pertynentis next Northbroke, and the lond that the forseid Symond held in Crokehurst, and a mesuage that was of walter of Draypode in Stanhynges, and an acre of lond that Eleyne wedow held, and ij. water[1] mylles, in olde Shoreham, the which Trenchemer myller holdith: To have and to hold, all þe forseid tenementis, with all his pertynentis, to hym and to his heires and to whom-

*** leaf 215.** Grant to Henry of St. Valerie, by Reginald de Braose, lord of Bramber (1215–22), of manorial rights and land in Bodington, of a messuage in Steyning, and 2 water-mills in Old Shoreham.

[1] Probably tidal-mills.

so-ever he wille yeve and assigne it, of hym and of his heires, in fee and heritage, frely, quyetly, holy, in all places and all thyngis, with all maner of lybertees and fre customes, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires, he and his heires or his forsaid assigneis, a paire of sporres over-gilte price of vj. d, at the Castell of Brembele at the fest of seynt Mighell, for all service, exaccion, and custome, which to the same lond perteyneth or may perteyne. And the forseid Raynold and his heires, all the forseid tenementis with all ther pertynentis before-named, to the forseid henry his heires or to his forseid assigneis, ayenst all men and women shall warantize. And that this ferme and stable for evermore shold abide, to this present writyng he put to his seale, These beyng witnesse: ser henry Bisshop of Landaaf, Richard le Breet, Robert Le Waffre, Robert of Brensia, Robert Le Saluage, Robert Bonet, henry of waynestanesdon, Robert of wrynell, Iohn Counte, Adam Talcurteys, Raaf Tabulere, Thomas the sone of Barnard, and other.

Quit-rent = pair of gilt spurs of 6*d.* value, to be paid at Bramber Castle, on Sept. 29.

[Henry, bishop of Llandaff, 1191–1219.]

About 1230.

[792.] A Charter of henry of seynt waleric confermyng to the mynchons of Godestow all his lond in Bodyngton.

Grant to Godstow, by Henry of St. Valerie, of lands in Bodington (a portion of no. 791), * leaf 215, back. and of the sites of two mills in Old Shoreham, subject to the quit-rent of a pair of gilt spurs at Bramber Castle.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry of seynt waleric yaf, graunted, and by his present charter confermed, to the chirche of god and of our lady seynt marie and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons ther servyng god, all his lond of Bodyngton, with the pertynentis; and all his lond that walter * of Draipode helde, with the pertynentis; and with the dwellyng places of two water mylles in olde Shoreham, which Trenchemere myller held somtyme: To have and to hold, to the same holy mynchons, in fre and perpetuel almesse, of the heires of Raynold of Brensia, by the same service that he was wonte to make, that is to sey, a paire of sporres over-gilte price of vj. d. to be yelded atte Castell of Brambre at the fest of seynt Mighell, for all maner of service, exaccion, and custome, which to the same lond perteyneth or may perteyne, As in the Charter the which the same Raynold made to hym more pleynly it is conteyned. Thise beyng witnesse: ser hubert of Canule, Adam Turcurteys, william Bernens, william of Granestude, Raaf of Seynt Andrewes, Robert of seynt Andrewes, Hugh

of Combe, Stephyne le Puere, Richard of Cunert, Raaf of Broch, and other.

[793.] A fynall accorde I-made bitwene Iohn of seynt Waleric and the abbesse of Godestow for a mese and a plough-lond in Buddynton. 1255, Nov. 12.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by John of St. Valerie, in Chichester assizes,

THE sentence of this fynall accorde is, y-made in the kyngis court at Cycestre, in the morow aftir seynt Martyne, the yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn the xl., before Gilbert of Preston, Roger of wyrcestre, william of Englefeld and william of Cobeham, Iustices, and other the kyngis trew peple ther beyng present, bitwene Iohn of seynt walerico, axer, and Emme, Abbesse of Godestowe, defender, of a mese and a plough-lond, with his pertynentis, in Buddyngton, wherof an 'assise of mort-mayn[1] of his antecessours' was taken bitwene hem in the same Courte, that is for to sey, that the forsaid Iohn knowleched the forseid mese and lond to be the right of the forseid Abbesse and of her chirche of Godestowe, as tho which the same Abbesse and her chirche aforseid had of the yifte of henry of seynt walerico, fadir to the forseid Iohn: To have and to hold, to the same Abbesse and to other Abbesses þat shall succede her and [to] her chirche aforseid, of the chief lordes of that fee, in fre and perpetuel almesse for evermore, to do therof all maner of service which to the forsaid mese and lond perteyneth. And for this recognycion, fyne, and accorde, the same Abbesse yaf to the forseid Iohn thre score mark, in siluer.

of all title to his father Henry's lands in Bodington (as in no. 792).

For this Godstow paid £40.

[794.] An acquytance of the forsaid Iohn, I-made to the Abbesse of Godestowe of xl. li. in full payment for Buddyngton. 1257, July 7.

Receipt to Godstow, by John of St. Valerie, for the £40 * leaf 216. awarded in no. 793.

THE sentence of this acquytance is that Iohn of seynt walerico, sone of henry of seynt walerico, knowleched hym-self to have fully resceived, of the Abbesse and Couente of Godestow, xl. li. of sterlyng * money for the fynall concorde bitwene hym made, on that one partie, and þe abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, on that other partie, for londis and tenementis in Bodyngton, with the pertynentis, whiche they had of the yifte of the forseid henry his fadir, wherof a ple was taken at Chichestre before ser Gilbert of Preston, Roger of wy[r]ceture, william of Englefeld,

[1] In error for 'assise of mort d'auncetur.'

and william of Cobeham, Iustices, and other the kyngis trew men ther beyng present, was meved bitwene hym, askyng, and the forsaid abbes and Covent, holders, by a writte of 'assise of deth of his auncetours,' as the writyng bitwene hem more playnly 4 berith witnesse. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng he put to his seale. The date at Godestow, in the day of the translacion of seynt Thomas the martir, The yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn xlj°. 8

About 1260.

[795.] A Charter of william Bernevall I-made to the mynchons aforseid.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by William Bernevall, of all title in a ditch.

THE sentence of this charter is, that william Berneuall graunted and quyteclaymed, for hym, his heires, and his assignes, vnto the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, all the right and clayme þat he had, or in any maner wise myght have, in a diche, 12 of which stryf and ple was in the Courte of Brembre, which is diched bitwene the crofte called herbelot and the culture called the hamehore in the parissh of westnesthon: To have and to hold, the forseide diche, with his pertynentis, as the metis 16 and boundes bitwene hem shewen, to the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours: So that he, fro thens-forthe, in the forseid diche, with his hangyngis[1], that[2] none for hym, by hym, or in his name, nor none of his heires nor his assignes, ony 20 maner right or clayme fro hens-forth may chalange or have, [but] therof to be excluded for evermore. And for this graunte and quyte-clayme, the forsaid Abbesse and Covent yaf to hym v. *shillings* vj. d before-handes, by the hondes of Thomas, than 24 servaunt of Buddyngton. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng he sette to his seale. These beyng witnesse: Raaf of west nesthon, marchaunt, Adam hereny, henry le Bugh, william le wythe, Raaf de la Breche, Geffrey de la lawe, william 28 Mareschall of Steninge, and many othere.

[Westmeston, Sussex.]

Purchase-money, 5*s.* 6*d.*

[Steyning, Sussex.]

About 1260.

[796.] A-nother charter of the same william, I-made to the seid mynchons, of a commune pasture vpon the sonde and in hursbroke and in the Breche and in the Gore.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by William

THE sentence of this charter is, that william Bernewall, sone of Robert Bernevall, yaf, graunted, quyteclaymed, and by his

[1] i. e. pertinents. [2] Read 'nor,' for 'that.'

charter confermed, to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of * Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god and to serve for ever, all the right that he had, or myght have, in tho commune of pastures which he was wont to have with his bestis, in commune pasture with the bestis of the forsaid holy mynchons of Godestowe, that is to sey, vp-on the sonde and in hursbrok, and in the Breche and in the Gore, for hym, his heires, and his assignes for evermore: So that the seid william Bernevall, neither his heires, ne his assignes, no maner of right in the forsaid pasturis may chalange. Wherfor he willith and grauntith that the said holy mynchons have, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, in fre pure and perpetuel almesse, all the forseid commune of pasture which he was wonte to have in the forseid places, as it is before specified, fro all exaccion, custome, service, demaunde, grevaunce, which to hym or to his heires or to his assignes, in any maner wise, of the forseid pastures myght belonge. And the forseid william Bernevall, and his heires, and his assignes, all that commune of pasture in the places before-named, to the forseid holy mynchons, and to theire successours, shall warantize and defende ayenst all maner of men for evermore. For this yifte, graunte, quyte-clayme, and of this present charter confermyng, the forseid holy mynchons yaf to hym xj. *shillings* in warison, Thise beyng witnesse: ser william of wisteneston, knyght, ser hugh of Boncy, knyght, ser walrande of Munceaus, knight, Nigell of Broke, Hamond Bonet, Robert of Bordevile, walter his sone, henry of the low, william de la lowe, Raaf of Changeton, humfrey of Gatewey, Richard of Esse, william his sone, walter the parson-is sone of wysteneston, Robert his brother, and many other.

Bernevall, * leaf 216, back.

of all title in certain rights of common pasture.

Purchase-money, 11s.

[West-meston, Hurst-monceaux, co. Sussex.]

[797.] A quyte-clayme of william atte Mille of Metenynge.

1296, Oct. 22.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, of all maner covenauntis, contraversies, and exaccions, meved and to be meved, bitwene william atte Mille of Metenyng and Denyse his wyf, by reson of the goodes of Thomas, called of Estecote, somtyme seruant and keper of the maner of Buddyngton of the lady Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, brother of the forseid Denyse,

Quit-claim to Godstow, by William atte Mille, of all claim in the estate of his deceased brother-in-

law, Thomas, late bailiff for Godstow of the * leaf 217. manor of Bodington,

on that one p*ar*tie, and the lady Abbesse and Couent of Godestow on that other p*ar*tie, vndir this forme, pease is reformed. That is for to sey, that neither he, nor none in his name nor in his wyfe's, * the same Abbesse and Couent before-remembred, by reson of the goodes aforseid, fro hens-forthe shall not vexe enplede, nother trouble, renuncyng expressely all maner of accions to hym p*er*teynyng ayenst þe said lady Abbesse and the forseid Couent of the seid goodes to be exicute or of ony parte of hem. And yf hit happe, as god for-bede, the same lady Abbesse or Couent, by ony name of them, in Iugement or out, in what Courte of the chirche or seculer, by reson of the goodes of the seid Thomas, by hym, his wyf, or ony other what-so-ever they be, to be vexed or troubled, he bounden hym and his executours to all the damagis and expensis, what-so-ever hit were, that the forsaid Abbesse and Couent, or ony in their name, by occasion aforseid, maken or makith, [to] the seid abbesse and Couent for the tyme beyng to pay or to restore, to[1] the same[2] fro all man*er* of harmes which may falle, by reson aforseid, he shall kepe harmelesse. And for the good p*ro*fite of the same lady Abbesse and Covent to be hadde, and all discorde bitwene hem to be sette a-side, he promised xx. s*hillings* of sterlyngis at the fest of Seynt Mighell in the monthe of Septembre in the yere of our lord god a thousand two hundred nynty and seven trewly to be paid in the Abbey of Godstow to theym*e*. To the which p*ro*myse, covenaunt, and reformyng of pease, wele and truly to be kept, the fore-named william made an othe bodely vpon a boke. And also that all maner of instrumentis, tayles[3], acquytaunces, and mynumentis of the same lady abbesse and Couent, which hath ben w*ith*drawen, and ben w*ith* hym in kepyng, and that he hath recovered, truly he shall restore to them, by vertu of the same othe. In witnesse wherof, to this p*re*sent writyng he put to his seale, in the p*re*sence of s*er* Odo, p*ar*son of the chirche of Lamyeth; Maister william of kendale; Thomas of Mowy, Burgeis of Oxenford; Edmond of the parke of wodestok; Robert of Grafton; Iohn of Thormerton, Chapeleyn*e*; william of heen*e*; and william, than beyng bailly to the Abbesse of Godestow in the maner of Bodyngton. The date is

with payment of 20s

and with promise to give up to Godstow all documents relating to that estate.

[1] Read 'and,' for 'to.'

[2] i. e. Abbess and Convent.

[3] i. e. tallies.

at Godestowe, the monday next aft*er* the fest of seynt luce the Euangelist, in the yere of our lord god a thousand two hundred nynty and sixe. And the yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the son*e* of kyng henry xxiiij^ti^. [Luke = 18 Oct.]

[798.] A quyte-clayme of Iohn Clerk of Shoreh*am* I-made to the Abbesse of Godestow, of xx. mark iij. s*hillings* v. d obo*lus*. About 1300.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iohn Clerk of * Shoreh*am* hath relessed vnto the lady Abbesse of Godestow, and to all the Couent of the same place, the accion the which he enpleded ayenst hem of xx. mark iij. s*hillings* v. d obo*lus* of dette, by-fore the kyngis Iustices, by a writte wherof he in all wise to hem quyte-claymed: So that he, neither none for hym, nor by hym, fro hens-forth hem shall vexe. And for this relese and quyte-clayme the forseid Abbesse and Covent yaf to hym iij. acris of lond in olde Shoreh*am*: To have and to hold of them, as longe as he lived, by service of j. d by yere in seynt Mighelles day to be paid for al maner of service and exaccion, as in their charter which he hathe bereth witnesse: So that after his deth no man, by occasion of that takyng, ony maner of right in the forseid londis may chalange. In witnesse wherof, to this p*re*sent writyng he sette to his seale, These beyng wit-nesse: william Dogette, than bailly of Clere Symond; Danuers Pagan, than bailly of Sanford; hugh of Eton; Stephyn*e* of Blebery, and many other.

Quit-claim to Godstow, * leaf 217, back. by John clerk, of a claim against the convent of £14 os. 5½*d.*, in consideration of a life-rent in 3 acres in Old Shoreham, at yearly rent of 1*d.*

WARWICKSHIRE

[Barton-in-the-Heath.]

* Exchequer MS. 1279, April.

Claim by Godstow, for £1 rent-charge.

[799. * Final concord between Royseia, abbess of Godstow, and John of Cumpton.

There was a suit decided at Westminster, in Easter term, 7 Edward I, before Roger of Lye and other justices, between Godstow and John of [Long-]Compton, about payment in quarterly instalments of 20*s*. rent-charge in Barton in hen- 4 marshe, due by lands of Roger of Barton which said John held.]

1306, May 4.

* Rawl. MS. leaf 214.

Obligation to Godstow, by Thomas [le here], in £10.

[800. Fragment.]

* paid[1] after the forme of theire feffement and obligacion as more playnly hit apperith. Elles the said obligacion of x. li. stonde at no strengthe ne vertu. In witnesse wherof, to this 8 *pre*sent writyng endented, *with*[2] the seale of the same Abbesse and the seale of the same Thomas enterchaungeably ben sette to. The date is at warwyk, the wedensday, in the morow after the Inuencion of the holy crosse, in the yere of the reigne of kyng 12 Edward, the xxxiiij*ti*.

1306, May 4.

[801.] An obligacion of the forsaid Thomas Le Here I-made to the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, & *cetera*.

Acknowledgement to Godstow, by Thomas le here, of a loan of £10,

The sentence of this obligacion[3] is, that Thomas Le here, the son*e* of Roger Le here of Barton in henmerssh, knowleched hym-self to be bounden to Moolde, by the grace of god abbesse 16 of Godestowe, and to her successours, and to the Couent of the same place, in ten pounde sterlyngis, of them I-borowed and

[1] The English Register resumes after a lost leaf. I have not found the deed in the Latin Register. The fragment refers to the same transaction as is noticed in no. 801.

[2] Omit 'with.'

[3] See in the Exchequer MS., leaf i, back.

resceived: To be paid to them, or to their certeyne attorney, in the fest of the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, now next comyng after the date of this presente writyng, in the peyne of an hundred shillyngis to be paid vnto the subsidie of the holy londe, yf that defaute of the payment therof were made in partie or in alle. Also he bounden hym, his heires, and assignes, by this present writyng, and all his londes and tenementis in the towne and feldes of Berton aforseid, to whos hondes thei shold come, to the distreynyng of the forseid Abbesse and her successours, or ther attorneys what-so-ever thei were, as often-tymes as they were behynde of ony part of a yerely rent of xx. *shillings*, in the which the predecessours of the forseid Abbesse and Couent, by his predecessours, first weren seised in the towne aforseid. In witnesse wherof to this present writyng, he put to his seale. The date is at warwyk, the wedensday, in the morow aftir the Inuencion of the holy cros, The yere of the reigne of kyng Edward, the xxxiiij. These beyng witnesse: Thomas lord of Bersheston, Iohn lord of dycheford, Aleyn of Berston, Robert le Marshall, Symond waite, Iohn of Burmyngton, and Raaf the sone of william leuelance.

to be paid by June 24th under penalty of £5 forfeit to 'the subsidy of the Holy Land'; also grant of power of distraint over Barton manor for a rent-charge of £1.

[Invention of Holy Cross = May 3.] [Barcheston, Whichford, Burmington, co. Warw.]

[802.] A writte fro the kyng directed to the sheref of warwyk.

1412, May 12.

THE sentence of this writte is, that Henry, by the grace of god kyng of Englond and of Fraunce and lord of Irelond, to the Sherif of warwyk sendith gretyng. Ther complayned to vs Elizabeth Felmersham, abbesse of Godestow, that Robert Clynton and Iohn Raves, vnrightfully and without iugement, disseised her of her fre tenement in Barton henmerssh, aftir[1] the goyng of kyng henry the sone * of kyng Iohn into Guyan. And therfor we comaunde the[2] that, yf the forsaid Abbesse fynde the[2] suerte to sewe her clayme, than [thou] make that tenement to be reseised, and the catalles, that may be there, taken, and the same tenement and catelles to be in pease, vnto a certayne day the whiche our welbeloued and trew Iames Strangweys and Iohn Ellerkere[3] to the[2] maketh knowlech. And bitwene that, to

Order by Henry IV, to the sheriff of Warwickshire, ordering inquiry as to whether Robert * leaf 214, back. Clinton and John Ravis dispossessed Godstow of property in Barton, co. Warw.,

[1] A law formula. Henry III went to Guienne 1242, and again 1253.

[2] i.e. thee.

[3] James Strangways, Serjeant-at-Law in 1410, and John Ellarker, in 1424.

by a jury of 12 of that 'view of frank-pledge.'

make xij. fre and trew men of that sight to se that tenement, and their names put in wirte[1], And to somon̄ hem, by good somonycions, that thei be than before the forsaid Iames and Iohn, and other which thei shalle associe to hem, to a certeyne 4 place which the forsaid Iames and Iohn to the[2] shall yeve knowlech, to make redy ther the recognytours, And put (by weddys or sure pleggis) the forsaid Robert and Iohn (or their baillyfis yf thei be not I-founde), that thei be there to hire[3] that 8 recognycion̄. And have ther the names of hem that ben I-somoned pleggis, and this writte: witnessyng my-self at westmynster, the xij. day of Maye, the yere of our reigne xiij.

1412, May 12.

[803.] A Commission of the kyng directed to his Iustices, & *cetera*.

Order by Henry IV to two commissioners to investigate Godstow claim, as in no. 802.

THE sentence of this commission̄ is, that Henry, by the grace 12 of god kyng of Englond and of Fraunce and lord of Irelond, to his welbeloued and trew Iames Strangweys and Iohn Ellerkere Sendith gretyng. Be hit knowen that we have made yow oure Iustices, with such as ye wille associe to yow, to 'an assise 16 of new disseisyne' to be taken̄, which Elizabeth Felmersham, Abbesse of Godestowe, hath taken afore vs, by our writte, ayenst Robert Clynton̄ and Iohn Raves, of tenementis in Berton̄ henmerssh. And therfor I comaunde yow that[4], at a certayne 20 day and place by yow to be provided, to take that assise, and to make and do ther-in as longith to right, aftir the law and custome of our reame of Englond, Savyng to vs the amercimentis therof comyng. Also we have comaunded our Sherif of warwyk, 24 that[4], at a certeyne day and place by yow to be assigned, to bryng that assise bifore yow. In witnesse wherof, thise we have made our lettres patentes, My-self beyng witnesse, at westmynstre, the xij. day of Maye, the yere of our reigne xiij. 28

[1] *sic* = 'write,' i.e. writing.
[2] i.e. thee.
[3] i.e. hear.
[4] The translator has often difficulties with the Latin accusative and infinitive of indirect narration: cp. p. 587, note 2. Here he brings in the English 'that,' but, after it, retains the Latin infinitive construction.

WILTSHIRE

[Broad Blunsdon.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291, Blunsdon and Highworth are put together as bringing in to Godstow £5 yearly. At the dissolution, 1540, Blunsdon by itself was worth (*Monast.* iv. 374) £4 yearly; and a fee of 1*s.* 8*d.* was paid for it to the bailiff of the queen for Highworth hundred, and a further fee of 1*s.* for exemption from attendance at the court of that hundred.]

[804.] * A Charter of Robert of Aubre I-made to Roger of Wrytell for iij. acres and an half of lond' in Brodebluntesdon. * leaf 208, back. About 1270.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Aubre of Brodebluntesdon, yaf, and graunted, and by his present charter confermed, to Roger of Wrytell of Brodebluntesdon and to his heires and to his Assigneys, thre acres and an half of arable lond' in the feldis of Brodebluntesdon, with all theire pertynentis and libertees: That is for to sey, half an acre of lond' in the westfeld' in the Breche, next to the lond' that was of Everard' le knyt; and an half acre of lond' vpon Clyue, next to the lond' that was of Adam Governe; And an half acre of lond' in Cranlekefurlong next to the lond' that was of Walter Gore; and half an acre of lond' in the Southfeld' in Yorkelesfurlonge, next to the lond' that was of Everard' Le knyt; and an hede half acre next to Combe, and hit strecchith toward' hewell; and an half acre of lond' in Byndewerefurlonge, next to the lond' that was Nigell le Ryche; and a partike in the Est feld' in dodemannesbenlond', next to the lond' that was Petir le Wele; and a partike in the same felde next to the lond' that was [of] Adam Governe in Langfurlonge: To have and to hold, of hym and his heires, to the forseid' Roger of wrytell, and to his heires and his assignes, and to whom-so-ever he wille assigne it, yeve hit, selle hit, or bequethe hit, bothe in sikenes and in helthe, in fee and heritage, fre and quyte, wele and in pease, in right heritage for evermore, without any impedyment or ony other reclamacion or vexacion of hym or of his heires fro hensforth, yeldyng therof yerely, to

Sale to Roger of Writele, by Robert of Aubre, of 3½ acres, described by half-acres and roods,

[*pertica* = perch.]

hym and to his heires, of the forsaid' Roger and his heires or his assignes, j. d'. at Estir for all' seruyces, sutis of Courte, querelis, customes, helpis, wardis, eschetis, and all' other seculer demaundes to hym and to his heires perteynyng, and for all' (other [1]) foreyne service, Savyng to hym and to his heires resonable relef. And the forsaid' Robert and his heires, to the forsaid' Roger and his heires and to his assignes, the forsaide thre acres of lond' and an half acre of lond', with all' his pertynentis over all', and liberteis, ayenst all' lordis and Iustices and also ayenst all' men and women that may make any clayme therto, at his owne costis, shal warantizze, acquyte, and defende, for evermore. And for this his yifte, graunte, confermyng and *warantizyng, the forseid' Roger yaf to hym xl. *shillings* before-handis, And also he willed', yaf and graunted', and by his present charter confermed', and warantized' ferme and stable for evermore: and vnto þis present charter with his seale he hath I-strengthed' it. Thise beyng witnesse: ser valeryan [2] of Bluntesdon, Roger of Labury, Roger the sone of Bryan of Bluntesdon, william of laozora, Iohn Nyweman, Richard' of Hampton, Clerk, and many othere.

subject to quit-rent of 1*d.* a year,

and to 'reasonable relief.'

* leaf 209. Purchase-money, £2.

[805.] * A Chartur of Robert aubrey I-made to Roger writelle.

* leaf XVII or 29, back. About 1270. Incomplete and incorrect duplicate of no. 804.

THE sentence of þys chartur is, þat Robert aubrey of brodebluntesdon gafe, & grauntyd, & confirmyd' with hys wrytynge, to Roger of wrytelle of brodebluntesdon, & to hys heyrys, or to hys assynys, thre acrys of londe & a halfe acre of londe in medys [3] in þe same town, with all' hys pertynences & liberteis, þat is to sey, on halfe acre in þe weste mede [3] in þe breche nyhe þe londe þat was of euerarde le knyht, & j. halfe acre vppon clyue nyhe þe londe þat was of adam Somer, & j. halfe acre of hys londe in cranlekeforlonge nyhe þe londe þat was of walter Gore, & j. halfe acre in þe sowþe feelde in þorkeleforlonge [4] nyhe þe londe þat was of Euerarde le knyht, & j. halfe hede acre in lacumbe [5] & strecchyth hym-selfe towarde hewle, & j. halfe acre in byndebereforlonge nyhe þe londe þat was of Nigelle le

[1] Omit 'other' (Exchequer MS., leaf 19).
[2] 'Walerand' in Exchequer MS.
[3] Read 'fields': 'in campis' is translated as if it were 'in pratis.'
[4] See 599/11. Probably Thorkill's furlong.
[5] ? 'la cumbe.'

Richard, and j. perch in þe est felde in dodemanesforlonge nyhe
þe londe þat was of petur le wele, & j. perch in þe same feelde
nyhe þe londe þat was of adam Somer in langeforlonge, to be
4 had & to be holde, of hym & of hys heyrys, to þe seyde Roger
writele, & to hys heyrys, or to hys assynys, or to whom-so-euyr
he wylle assyne, gyf, sylle, or by-quethe hyt, & when-so-euer
he wylle, lykewyse as well in sekenes as in helþe, in fee &
8 herytage, frely & quietly, wel & in pece, by Riht herytage for
euyr, with-out ony lettynge or reclaymynge or vexynge of hym
or of hys heyrys her-aftur, paynge þer-of yerly to

[Leaf XVIII of the old paging is cut out.]

[806. * Acknowledgment[1] made by Godstow to Adam of Stratton.

* Monast. iv. 367. 1284, Aug. 22. Godstow admits liability, to the overlords, for feudal services, and compounds for wardship.

MABEL, abbess of Godstow, and the convent acknowledged
12 that they owed to Adam and his heirs all feudal services due
from the lands in Broad Blunsdon which Roger of Writele gave
to Godstow, viz. homages, fealties, scutages, helps, reliefs, suits
of manorial courts and hundred courts, etc., due either to Adam
16 himself or to the lady Isabella de fortibus[2], countess of Albe-
marle. Godstow further agreed to pay a marc of silver for
wardship on each vacancy of the abbess-ship by death, resigna-
tion, or deposition, payment to be made by the new abbess
20 immediately on her admission. St. Bartholomew's Day, 1284.]

[807.] * A Charter of Bryan Bluntesdon for iij. li. of wex for a cerge brennyng afore the crosse in seynt myghel chirche of heyworthe.

* leaf 148, back. 1284, Sept. 25.

Grants, by Roger of Writele, to St. Michael's church, Highworth,

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Brian the sone
of Bryan of Bluntesdon willed to be know hym-self and his
heires to be holde, and bounde, to god and to the chirche
24 of seynt Mighel of heyworth in iij. li. of wexe, yerely in the
morow[3] of seynt Michel, to paye to j. serge, euery day to brenne

[1] I have found no manuscript copy of this. It is of interest as applying the feudal claim for wardship to the property of a body corporate during the vacancy of the headship.

[2] Isabel (died 1293), daughter of Baldwin de Redvers, 7th earl of Devon (died 1245), widow of William de fortibus, 3rd earl of Albemarle (died 1256), was heiress of her brother Baldwin, 8th earl of Devon (died 1262).

[3] 'the eve,' in the Latin (Exchequer MS., leaf 183).

of wax-candle, in memory of his wife; and to St. Leonard's church, Blunsdon, of lamps,

at the masse, afore the crosse, for the soule of Isabelle that was the wyf of Roger of Writele, to be susteynedꝛ for eu*er*: And also for[1] ij. lampes to be susteynedꝛ w*ith* oyle, in seynt leonardis chirch of Bluntesdon, that is to sey, j. lampe brennynge thurgh all the sonday nyghtis and thurgh all the nyghtis of hye festis, that is to sey, of the festis of Alhalewyn, Cristmasse, Ester, Ascencion, Whitsontide, Trynyte, Natyuyte of seynt Iohn baptist, and of all the festis of our lady; And another lampe, brennynge eu*er*y day at the masse, afore the auter of our lady seynt mary and seynt kat*er*yne, for the sowle of the saidꝛ Isabell, and of Isabell that was the modir of the saidꝛ Roger; And also in ij. dꝛ. to be paidꝛ yerely to the brethereꝛ[2] of Ierusalem, the sonday next after the gule of August (that is to sey, lammasse day), in the forsaidꝛ chirch of Bluntesdon, for the forsaidꝛ Roger and his auncet*our*s for eu*er*. And to þese afore-putte thyngis to be truly do, he bounde hym-self and his heires for eu*er* to the Iurisdiccion and constreynyng of the vicary of heyworth that sholdꝛ be for the tyme, or to the p*er*son of the same place yf hit happenedꝛ to be w*ith*out a vicary, the which sholdꝛ compelle by all censure of the chirch to all the fore-put thyngis truly to be do for eu*er*, vndir*e* peyn*e* of half j. mark, of siluer to the worke of the same. *at Godestowe, the Sonday next afore the fest of Seynt Mathew the appostle and Euangelist, the xvij. yere of kyng Edwardꝛ the sone of kyng Edwardꝛ.

in memory of his wife and mother; and to the [=Aug. 1.] Knights Hospitallers, of a rent-charge, placing under penalty of 6*s*. 8*d*. the person by whom payment should be made.

* leaf 149. [Matthew = Sept. 21.]

[Note.—The right date is in the Latin (Exch. MS., leaf 183), 13th year of Edward the son of king Henry, i.e. 1284. 17 Edward II would be 1323. The Latin has also a clause showing that Roger of Writele obtained this concession by purchase: viz. 'And for this, the said Roger gave to me and to my heirs 3½ acres of arable in Bluntesdon, and 5*s*. of yearly rent charged on his land in Westwydyhill.']

* leaf 209, back. 1285, June 10. Licence in mortmain by Edward I, allowing Roger of Writele to feoff

[808.] *A Confirmacion of kyng Edwarde[3], & *cetera*.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Edwardꝛ, by the grace of god kyng of Englondꝛ lordꝛ of Irelondꝛ and duke of Guyan, To all tho that thise p*re*sent l*ett*res shall come to Sendith gretyng. Notwith-stondyng that by the comon counseil of our Reame hit is p*ro*uidedꝛ that it shal not be lefull to religious peple to entre the fee of ony man, So that to morte-

[1] 'in duabus lampadibus cum oleo sustinendis.'

[2] 'fraternitati.'

[3] 'of land and rents in Brodebluntesdone and Chelworthe' (Exchequer MS., leaf 19).

mayn̄ hit shold̄ come to, w*ith*out our licence and of the chief lordis of the which the same thynge was holden, willyng̃ nevertheleſse to our welbeloved̄ Roger of wryteſt by speciall grace we have yoven licence in as moche as is in vs, that he a[1] mesuage, sixe yerdes lond̄, w*ith* a mylle, and thirty shillyngis of rent, with the p*er*tynentis, in Brode Bluntesdon̄ and Chelleworth, may yeve and assigne to our welbeloued̄ in crist the Abbesse and Covent of Godestow: To hold̄ and have, to hem and to their successours for evermore. And to the same Abbesse and Covent, to[2] the forsaid̄ Mesuage, lond̄, mylle, and rent, of the forsaid̄ Roger may resceive, by this present writyng̃, in like wise, we have graunted̄ special lycence. Not willyng̃ that the same Roger nor the forsaid̄ Abbesse and Covent by reson̄ of the statute aforseid̄ by vs or by our heires therof be occasioned̄ in any wise or greved̄. Savyng̃ nathe-lesse to the chief lordis of that fee services therof dew and acustomed̄. * In witnesse of which thynge thise we have made our l*ett*res patentis: witnessyng̃ my-self, at westmynstre, the tenthe day of Iuyn̄, The yere of our reigne xiij.

Godstow in no. 809, viz. a messuage, 6 yardlands, a mill, and quit-rents, and empowering Godstow to receive them.

* leaf 210.

[809.] * A Chart*er* of Roger of Wryteſt I-made vnto the Mynchons of Godestowe of all his londes in Brodebluntesdon̄, in Estthorp̄, in Heylbreche[3] and in Chelleworthe, & c*etera*.

* leaf 209. 1285.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Roger of wryteſt of Brodebluntesdon̄, with the consent and wille of Agneis his wyf, yaf, graunted̄, and by his p*re*sent chart*er* confermed̄, and all-wey for hym and his heires quyteclaymed̄, to god and to the chirch of our Lady Seynt Marie and of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons ther servyng̃ god and for evermore to s*er*ve, for the helthe of his soule and of Agneis his wyf and of Isabeſt somtyme his wyf, and for the soules of theire fadirs and Modirs and for all theire good̄ doers, in fre and p*er*petuel almesse, all his londes in Brode bluntesdon̄, and in Estthorp̄ in the towne of Heylbreche[3], and in Chelleworthe, with mansions and bildyngis, gardeyns, Culuerhouse, Mille, fre holders, bondholders, with all her sequele, Coterell, rentis, werkis, helpis, wardis, relefis, eschetis, fynes of londes, redempcions of progeny-

Grant to Godstow, by Roger of Writele, of all his lands and manorial rights

in Broad Blunsdon, Eastrop, Highworth, and Chalworth,

[1] Observe Latin order: agent, object, verb; instead of English: agent, verb, object.

[2] For 'to' read 'that they.'

[3] In error for 'Heyworthe.'

tours, medis, lesues, pastures, scutagis, sutis of Courtis, w*ith* all maner other libertees and fre customes to all tho londis p*er*teynyng in all the places abouesei̇ḋ, w*ith*out any witholdyng to hym or to his heires or to ony other in the worlḋ, and with al þ*at* that to hym or to his heires or to ony other by any maner of right myght falle to: To have and to holḋ, all the forsei̇ḋ londes, with all their*e* other p*er*tynentis aforsei̇ḋ, to the sei̇ḋ chirche of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god and for evermore to serve, frely, quyetly, in pease, holy for evermore, Of the lordis of the feis, makyng to hem services dew and acustomeḋ: And to the forsaiḋ mynchons yerely in the day of his obite xl. s*hillings*, to a pytaunce in remembraunce * of his soule. And for this yifte, graunte, and of this p*re*sent charter confermyng, and quyteclaymyng, the forsaiḋ Abbesse and mynchons his soule, and the soules of the forsaiḋ Agneys and Isabelle his wyfes, theire Fadres, and modres, and all their*e* gooḋ doers, in all theire suffragis, praiers, almesdedes, and fastyngis, for evermore, specially they have resceiveḋ. And that this his yifte, graunte, confermyng, and quyteclaymyng, [might] be haḋ ferme and stable, to abide for evermore, to this p*re*sent writyng he put to his seale. These beyng witnesse: s*er* Iohn of Wy[n]ton̄ than beyng Sheref of wiltesh*ire*, s*er* Rob*er*t of Meysey, Richarḋ La Ryver, Iohn Walleranḋ, knyghtis, Philip Le Gay, Iohn Aylemere, Iohn of Grauntbrigge, Roger de la bury, Roger Bryan, Nigell of Stokes, Philipp*e* Le Botte, and many other.

out of which £2 is to be spent as a pittance on his anniversary.

* leaf 209, back.

Godstow is to give a place in the prayers of the community to Roger and his relatives.

[Note.—There is missing from these deeds the agreement between Godstow and this benefactor, which stated the services which the convent undertook to render. At the dissolution, 1540, we find (*Monast.* iv. 370) Godstow paying out, for Roger of Writtell's soul £1 14*s*. 8*d*. a year, being 8*d*. a week given alternately to the Black Friars and to the Grey Friars of Oxford; and a further sum of £1, being 3*s*. 4*d*. in money, a bushel of 'oytemell' (oatmeal), and a bushel of peas, given in Lent to each of the four friaries in Oxford (Black, Grey, White, Austin: Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 311, 342, 413, 445).]

* leaf 148. 1285.

[810.] * A Chart*er* of Roger of Writele of Brode-bluntesdon̄ for alle his londes and tenementis in Brode-bluntesdon̄.

Duplicate of no. 809.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Roger of Writele of Brode-bluntesdon̄ yaf, graunteḋ, & *cetera*, to god and to the

chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther *ser*uyng god and to *ser*ue for eu*er*, for the helth of his sowle and Anneys his wyf and Isabelle somtyme the wyf and for the
4 sowles of their fadirs and modirs and of all ther benefetours, into fre and p*er*petuel almesse, all his londes and tenementis in brodebluntesdon and in Esthorp in the towne of heyworth and in Cheleworth, w*ith* mansions, bildyngis, gardens, culu*er*howses[1],
8 mylles, fre tenauntes, bondemen (villenagis or bonde holdes), w*ith* ther sequelis and catallis, coterellis, rentis, workyngis, helpis, wardis, * relefis, eschetis, alman*er* fynes of londes, redempcions (or ayene-biyngis) of p*ro*genito*ur*s (or fadirs-afore), * leaf 148, back.
12 medis, fedyngis[2], pastures[2], pondis, sutis of courtis, w*ith* all other lib*er*teis (or[3] fredoms) and fre customes longyng to the forsaid tenementis in ony wise or by right, w*ith*out ony agayn-holdyng: To be had and to be hold, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis
16 I-named, to the said chirch of Godestowe and to the seid mynchons and to ther successours ther *ser*uyng god and to *ser*ue for eu*er*, frely quyetly wele and in pease for eu*er*, of the chief lordes of tho fees, Doyng therof to them all *ser*uyces dew and
20 I-wonyd that longen to the forsaid londes and tenementis: and to the said mynchons, eu*er*y yere in the day of his anniu*er*sary, xl. *shillings*, to a pytaunce into mynde of his sowle. And for this yifte, graunte, and confirmacion, þe forsaid abbesse and
24 mynchons resceived specially his sowle, and the sowles of Anneys his wyf, and Isabell his wyf, of their fadirs and modirs and of all their benefeto*ur*s, for eu*er* in ther suffragis, orisons, almesse, and vigilis. And that this ther yifte, & *cetera*.

[811. *Quit-claim to Godstow by Robert Wardebeke, of lands in Bluntesdon, Cheleworth, and Esthorp. * Exchequer MS. leaf 19, back. $129\frac{7}{8}$, Jan. 27.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Robert Wardebek, of all title in no. 809. [Purification = Feb. 2.]

28 Robert Wardebek, son and heir of Richard Wardebek of Fershysdon, quit-claimed to Godstow all right and title in lands and tenements in the vills of Brodebluntesdone, Estthorp, Heyworth, and Cheleworth, in mansions[4], buildings, etc., which
32 Godstow had of the gift and feoffment of Roger of Writele.

At Godstow, Monday before Purification, 26 Edward I.]

[1] 'culver' is an old word for a dove.
[2] 'pascuis, pasturis,' in the Latin.
[3] 'or fredoms' is an inserted explanation of the word 'liberties' (libertatibus).
[4] The formula is exactly as in no. 809.

*Exchequer MS. leaf 19, back. 129⅞, Jan. 27.

[812. * Warranty of Robert of Wardebek of the same.

Warranty to Godstow, by Robert Wardebek, of no. 809.

ROBERT of Wardebek, son and heir of Richard Wardebek of Fershysdon, warrantizes to Godstow the gift they had from Roger of Writele in Brodebluntesdon, Estthorpe, Heyworth, and Chelworth.] 4

[CHALWORTH, near Cricklade.]

* leaf XXIII or 34. 1272, Dec. 13.

[813.] * Chartur of Roger writell of Cheldeworthe.

Lease to Roger of Writele, by William of Basemley,

THE sentence of þis is, þat a couenant was made by-twene william of basemley of þe on party & Roger of wrytele & anneys hys wyfe of þe oþer partye, in þe day of seynt lucye uirgyn, next after þe dethe of henry þe sone of kynge Iohn, in þis wyse: þat 8 is to sey, þat þe seyde william, with the assent & goode wille of Iulian hys wife & of hys heyrys, toke & left [1], to the seyde Roger of writel & to anneys hys wyfe & to hys heyrys or hys assynys, all hys londe the * whyche is callid assart, with þe mede þe 12 whyche is called suggemede, in þe grounde of cheldeworþe, þat is to sey, of postcuneheheued vn-to þe wey þat ledyth toward þe hows of Richard of woode, & of tristale vn-to þe londe of Iohn of woode, the terme by-gynnynge at þe feste of seynt mihel vn-to 16 þe terme of xij. yere next folowynge & fully complete, to be had & to be holde, to þe seyd Roger & to hys heyrys or hys assynys, all þe foreseyde londe, with þe mede lyynge þere-to, & with all her pertinences, in medys pasturys woodys weyis pathys & in 20 all other places, with all fredoms & fre customs longynge to þe same londe, paynge þerof yerly to þe lorde of þe fee v. shillings at too termys of þe yere, þat is to sey, at the annunciacion of owre lady, ij. shillings vj. d, & at Myhel masse, ij. shillings vj. d, 24 for all seruice, custome, & demaunde seculer; & to the forseyde william, j. halfe quarter of whete yerly in þe day of seynt lucie, vndur þis forme, þat is to sey, þe seyde Roger & hys wyfe & hys heyrys sholde haue power to selle, bequethe, & gyfe þe seyde 28 londe to whom-so-euyr þey wolden, within þat terme, boþe in sekenes & also in helthe: & if hit happun (þat god forbede) þat þe seyd Roger or anneys [h]is wyfe or hys heyrys or hys

* leaf XXIII or 34, back. of land and meadow, for 12 years,

at 5s. and ½ quarter of wheat yearly,

with power to sublet.

[1] In Latin: 'tradidit et dimisit.'

assynys take ony harme for cause of defaute of þe seyde william, a-fore Iustic*es* errauntes or in ony oþ*er* court*es*, þe seyde londe sholde a-byde in þe hondys of þe seyde Rog*er* & anneys hys wyfe & of hys heyrys or of hys assynys, aft*er* þe foreseyde t*er*me, tille þe seyde hurt*es* were restoryd, by þe vywe of goode & lawefull men; & yf hyt happun (þ*at* god forbede) ony man to entre in-to þe same londe, by hem-selfe or for hem-selfe, w*ith*-in þe foreseyde t*er*me, þe seyde william bonde hym-self & all hys goodys, meuable & vn-meuable, wher-so-euyr þei wer I-founde, to the distreynynge of þe Abbot of cicet*ur*, till hit were satisfied fully of þe harmys & expens*es* to hem a-fore-seyde: & þe seyde william & Iulian hys wyfe & hys heyrys or hys assynys sholde warantiȝe, defende, & acquite, to þe seyd Rog*er* & anneys hys wyfe, & to hys heyrys, or to his assynys, þe seyde couenaunt, takynge, & letynge, ageyniste all men & women, thorowe all the fore-seyde t*er*me of xij. yer next folowynge & fully complete. For þis couenaunt, takynge, & letynge, þe foreseyde Rog*er* gaf xv. s*hillings* of sterlyngys & vj. d to hys grete nede by-fore hand*es*. And þ*at* this conuencion, takynge & letynge, thorowe þe foreseyde t*er*me sholde a-byde ferme & stable, þe seyde william & Rog*er* put to thys wrytyng*es* I-made in-to the man*er* of chart*ur*, wyth her feyþe I-pleyht, her*e* seele: & is w*ith*-out date.

Purchase-money, 15*s.* 6*d.*

[Cricklade.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* Cricklade and Eaton are put together as worth £20 yearly. At the dissolution, 1540, Cricklade, Chalworth, Ufcott, and Meysey Hampton are grouped together (*Monast.* iv. 374) as worth £1 13*s.*, and for the messuage in Cricklade a fee is paid to the queen's bailiff of Cricklade hundred.]

[814.] * A Chartur of couenawnt bytwene Dame Margarete of redvarijs & Maistur acharde of Medeburne for þe towne of Crekelade.

* leaf XXIIII or 35, back. 1246, Sept. 29. Lease to Achard of Medeburne, by Margaret

The sentence of þis euidence is, þ*at* þer was a couenant I-made by-twene dame[1] Margarete of redeuarijs, of þe on p*ar*te, & mayst*er* acharde of Medeburne, þe heyre of Nigell of Medeburne, of þe oþ*er* p*ar*te, þe xxx. yere of þe reyne of kynge henry

[1] Margaret (de Fitzgerald), widow of William de Redvers, 6th earl of Devon.

de Redvers, of (*a*) the town of Cricklade, (*b*) the hundred-court of Cricklade, and (*c*) the manor of Stratton, [= Worth, i. e. Highworth.] which his father, Nigel of Medeburne, had held on lease.

þe sone of kynge Iohn, at mihel-mas, þat is to sey, þat þe seyde Margarete, in heꝛ lauful powere & fre wedewhode, grauntydꝛ & lete[1], to þe seyde acharde here towñ of Cryklade, with alle his pertinences, Also with þe hundrede longyngꝛ to þe same towne, & alle his[2] londe of stratunne, with alle his pertinences, withowte oony reteynyng[3] (savyngꝛ þe rente at two[4] termys of the yere þat longeth to þe hundrede of Wrhe, so þat here[5] men of stratunne scholde not be taxid[6] ȝerly ouer two[4] marke for þe relesyngꝛ of þe towñ & hundrede of Wrhe and of alle þynges perteynyng[7] to þe sayde towñ and hundrede), the whiche þe sayde Acharde had, as heyere of the sayde Nigelle of Medeburne, vn-to þe terme of vj. yere & more, As hit may be schewyd[8] by the charter maade[9] by-twene þe sayde margarete & þe sayde Nigelle : to be had & to be holde, of þe sayde margarete & here heyeris, to hym & to his heyeris or to his assynys, fro þe sayde feste of seynt Myhel vn-to þe ende of x. yere folowyngꝛ complete[10]. Hit was acordid also by-twene [hem], þat þe sayde Acharde scholde have þe mercementes of men of stratunne [* & lefte to[11] . . . .] boþe of þe fee of Dame Margarete & Also of þe fee of þe seide acharde yf hit happun hem to be amerciḋ in þe hundriḋ of wrhe for þe reles of þe feire of Strattuñ, þe whiche þe seide acharde relesiḋ to þe seide Margaret vn-to heꝛ terme. Hit was a-cordiḋ also by-twene hem þat þe bailif of the hundreḋ of wrhe, I-swore to þe kynge, sholḋ acquite þe hundreḋ of Crickelade in þe maundementes of þe kynge a-geiniste þe shereue, so þat þe bailif of Crickelade sholde answere to þe bailif of wrhe in þe maundementes of þe kynge & of þe shereue: & if þe seide acharde or his heiris or his assinis lese ony thynge of þe fore-seyde townis or hundriḋ, or bi dissesininge or bi defaute of þe seide margete[12] or of hiꝛ heiris, þe same acharḋ or his heiris or his assinis sholde holde þe seide townis with heꝛ pertinences, Also þe hundreḋ of Creckelade, of þe seide Marget & of heꝛ heiris til þei haḋ receuiḋ resonabli to þe worthe of heꝛ harmis : & þe seid

* leaf XXV or 36.

Lady Margaret shall have the moneys arising from the fair at Stratton, except that Achard shall have such fines as are imposed on his own men.

Cricklade hundred to do its

[1] 'lefte,' in duplicate.
[2] i. e. her.
[3] '*with*holdinge.'
[4] 'too.'
[5] 'his.'
[6] 'be sette.'
[7] 'þingis longinge.'
[8] 'be knowe.'
[9] 'I-made thereof.'
[10] 'fulli.'
[11] The translator lost his place, and retranslated 16 lines, with many verbal differences.
[12] *sic.*

Marget & hir heiris sholde warantiȝe to þe seide achard & to his heiris or to his assinis the seide couenaunte vn-to þe seide *ter*me: & if þe fredom of þe towne of Crickelade or of þe hun-
4 dred be hurt in ony thinge bi defaute of the seide achard, þe same achard shold answere to þe seide Marget of þe seide defaute: & þ*a*t þis couenaunt shold be kepid feiþefulli & w*ith*-out gile, boþe of hem sette to her seelis to þe chart*er*s of þis
8 couenaunte, eu*er*iche ageiniste oþer: & is w*ith*oute date.

service to the sheriff through the bailiff of Highworth hundred. Achard to be responsible for the safe-keeping of all privileges.

[815.] * Chartur of pers notte for halfe of hys burgage in Crekelade.

* leaf XXIII or 34, back. About 1270?

Grant to Godstow, by Pers le notte, of half a burgage,

THE sentence of thys chartur is, þ*a*t pers le notte of hy*n*inton[1] gafe, g*ra*untid, & confermid w*ith* þis p*re*sent wrytynge, to god & to þe churche of owr*e* lady seynt Marye & seynt Iohn Bap-
12 tiste of Godestowe & to þe mynchons her seruynge god & to serue for euyr, for þe helþe of hys sowle, halfe of hys burgage þ*a*t he had in þe grete strete of Crekelade, w*ith* þe gardyn & w*ith* all his p*er*tinenc*es* her, þe whyche halfe of burgage
16 is sette nyhe soppeh*a*m þe whyche adam helde vppon þe northe p*ar*te & halfe of þe burgage þ*a*t þe same Iohn helde vppon þe sowthe p*ar*te, to be had & to be holde, of hym & of hys heyrys, to þe seyde mynchons & to her successours, frely &
20 quietly, pesibli & holly for eu*er*, paynge þ*er*of yerly to þe seyde Iohn & to hys heyrys * or to hys assynys vj. d at to t*er*mys of þe yer*e*, þ*a*t is to say, at hockeday[2] iij. d, & at Mihel-masse iij. d, for all seruice, custome, & demaunde seculer, longy*n*ge to hym &
24 to hys heyrys. He willid also & assynyd þ*a*t whatsoeu*er* þinge myht be leueyid of þe seyde burgage sholde be for þe sus-teynynge of a lyhte in wex a-fore þe cros in þe quer*e* of þe monasteri of Godestowe. Also pers notte of hynynton & his
28 heyrys or assynys warantiȝed acquited & defended to the fore-seyde Mynchons & to her successours or to her assynys þe foreseyd burgage, w*ith* hys p*er*tinenc*es*, a·geynyste all men & women for euyr, vppon all the goodys þ*a*t myht falle to hym
32 & to hys heyrys by ony ryht in þe towne of Crekelade: & þ*a*t thys gyfte graunt warantiȝinge & confirmacion myht be stronge for euyr, he put to hys seele: & is w*ith*-oute date.

* leaf XXIIII or 35.

to endow a wax-candle in the choir of Godstow.

[1] Hannington, Wiltshire.

[2] Hockday is 2nd Tuesday after Easter.

127⅞, Jan. 3.

[816.] A quite-clayme of william of driffelde[1] of a mese in Crikelade.

Sale to Godstow, by William of Driffield, of his interest in a messuage (no. 815).

THE sentence of þis euydence is, þat william of driffelde[1] lefte & quite-claymyd vtturly, of hym-selfe & of hys heyrys for euyr, to þe abbas of Godestowe & to the couent of þat place, all hys ryht & clayme þat he had, or myht haue in ony man*er* wyse, in a mese in þe towne of Crickelade, þe whyche he helde sum-tyme of þe fore-seyde Abbas in þe same towne, vnd*ur* þis forme: þat is to sey, þat noþ*er* he, ne none of hys heyrys, ne no man in hys name, sholde aske afturwarde ony ryht or clayme of þe foreseyde mese, noþ*er* to make no chalenge of ony dett*es* in þe whyche þe foreseyde Abbas or her baylifs were be-holde to pay to hym vn-to þat time þat þis p*re*sent writinge was made. For the whyche quiete-clayme & relesynge of dette, þe foreseyde Abbas gafe to hym xl. s*hillings* of silu*er* in warisone a-for-handys. In-to witnes þ*er*-of he put to hys seele, þe date at Eton[2], þe moneday next a-fore þe twelfyth day, þe yer*e* of our*e* lorde M^lo CC. lxxvij^o.

Purchase-money, £2.

* leaf 149. 1328, April 26.

[817.] * A Chart*er* of Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to Iohn maryner and to Anneys his wyf, for one Burgage in the towne of Crikelade.

Lease by Godstow, for two lives, of a 'burgage,' [Chalworth.] quit-rent, 5*s*., with obligation to repair,

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, w*ith* one assent and consent, graunted, and lete, to Iohn Maryner and to Anneys his wyf, j. Burgage in the towne of Criklade, the which Geffrey North somtyme held, and hit is I-sette bitwene the strete that strecchith hit-self toward Chelesworth of the North p*ar*te and the Burgage of Iohn Bockar*e* of the sowth p*ar*te: To be had and to be hold, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Iohn and Anneys, to all the t*er*me of ther lyf, by s*er*uyce therof dew and I-wonyd of right, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours v. s*hillings* of yerely rente at iiij. t*er*mes vsuell of the yere, by evyn porcions, duryng the abouesaid t*er*me. So natheles that the forsaid Iohn and Anneys his wyf shold susteyn the forsaid burgage thurgh all the t*er*me

[1] Driffield, Gloucestershire. [2] Watereaton, near Cricklade.

in al so good'a state, or bett*er*, as they resceived'hit. And Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestow, and Couente of the same place, and there successours, shold' warantiȝe the forsaid' Bur-
4 gage, w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid' Iohn and Anneys his wyf, to the t*er*me of ther lyf, as hit is abouesaid'. And yf the said' Iohn fayled' or lakked' in the forsaid' vsueli t*er*mes, in p*ar*te or in ali, of the paiyng' of the said' rente duryng' the t*er*me
8 abouesaid', they bound' them-self, and also ther catali (mevable and vnmevable) I-founde in the said' burgage, to the distreynyng' of the said' abbesse and couente that shold' be, tille hit were fully I-satisfyed' to the same abbesse and Couente of the forsaid'
12 rente of v. s*hillings* yerely also w*ith* the expenses and harmes, yf there were ony, or put to ony, by the occasion of the said' rente not I-paid'. Into witnesse of the which, & c*etera*. The date at Godestowe, in their Chapiter, the Tewesday next
16 afore the fest of the appostles Philipp*e* and Iacob, the second' yere of the reigne of kyng' Edward' the thirde after the conquest.

and reservation of powers of distraint.

[Philip and James = May 1.]

[818.] * Chart*ur* endentyd' by-twe[ne] dame Mariery dyne Abbas & Iohn Marin*er* of Crikelade.

*leaf XXIIII or 35. 1332, Oct. 21. Lease by Godstow to John and Alice Mariner for life-term, of a 'burgage' in Cricklade (no. 817), and, in Broad Blunsdon, a messuage, with pasture for one ox, and three acres arable.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*at* Marierie dyne, Abbas of
20 Godestowe, & þe couent of þe same place, w*ith* on assent & *con*sent of her*e* chapit*er*, toke, *gra*untid', & lete, to Iohn Marin*er* of Creklade & to Aliȝ[1] hys wyfe, to þe t*er*me of her lyfe & ou*er* on yer aftur þe decesse of her life, j. burgage I-sette
24 in Creklade, by-twene þe borow of Iohn Buckar of þe on p*ar*tye & þe lane þ*at* is callid þe Ruthernslane of þe oþ*er* p*ar*te; j. mese in brodebluntisdou*n*, I-sette by-twene þe mese of sir*e* adam walrande, knyht, & þe mese of Iohn colcote; pastur of j. oxe
28 in þe comune of þe same town; & iij. acris of arable londe lyinge in þe telþe of the same towne, of the whyche j. halfe acre lieth at harewell, & ij. rodys lien in þe longefurlonge, & ij. halfe rodys lien in þe brokeforlonge, & ij. halfe rodys strecchen to þe
32 brobattes, & j. halfe acre lieth in Cranlekesforlonge by-twene þe londe of Iamys Geryssh & Nich*o*las Ingelonde, & j. halfe acre in westcrofterugge by-twene þe londe of Nich*o*las brayn & þe londe

[1] Agnes, his first wife (no. 817), being dead, Mariner surrendered that lease, to obtain a like privilege for his second wife, Alice.

of Iohn more, & j. half-acre lieth in the castle nyhe þe hyde: þe fore-seyde burgage, *with* þe *per*tinence*s*, liberteis, & þe customys of þe foreseyde borow, to be had & to be holde; Also þe fore-seyde mese in brodebluntesdon, & iij. ac*res* a-fore-namyd, *with* 4 her *per*tinence*s*; & Also þe seyde pasture of j. oxe, as hyt is put by-fore, to þe fore-seyde Iohn & to aliȝ hys wyfe, as longe as they liuid, of þe foreseyde Marierie & of her couent & her successours, fre*ly, quietly, well & pesibly, paynge *per*of yer*e*ly þorowe 8 þe t*er*me of her*e* life, viij. *shillings* vj. d of rente, *þat* is to sey, for þe burgage a-fore-seyde v. *shillings*, & for þe mese & þe *per*tine*nces* a-fore-named iij. *shillings* vj. d of goode money; for all seruic*es* seculer of þe fore-seyde borowe, at fowre vsual t*er*mys 12 of þe yer*e*, by euyn porcions; but þei shall repe yerly in heruyst[1] by thre days, & they shall haue necessari of metis; & þey shall make hey & mow thorowe on day, & haue mete & drinke; & þey shall make sute of courte fro thre wokys vn-to thre wokys; so 16 *þat* þe seyde mariery dyne & hyr couent sholde pay a yerly rente to the chyfe lordys of þe fee of the seyd burgage, *þat* is to sey, xvj. d by þe yer*e*. Also þe seyde Marierye dine, Abbas of Godestowe, & her couent, warantiȝed [&] acquited þe fore- 20 seyde burgage, Mese a-fore p*re*fixid, pasture of j. oxe, *with* thre acris of londe a-fore-namyd, & *with* all þe *per*tinence*s* in all place*s*, to þe fore-seyde Iohn and aliȝ also longe as they liuen, in þe forme a-fore namyd; & yf þe fore-seyd Iohn or aliȝ hys 24 wyfe fayle, in þe foreseyde vsuall t*er*mys, in p*ar*te or in all of þe payment of þe rent a-fore-seyde, durynge þe t*er*me a-boue-sayde, þey bounde hem-selfe & all her*e* goodys meuable & vnmeuable to þe distreyny[n]ge of þe seyd Abbas & couent, *þat* sholde 28 be for þe tyme, tyl hyt were satisfied fully to þe same abbas & couent of þe fore seyde rent of viij. *shillings* vj. d, Also *with* harmis & expense*s*, if þei did, or sette ony, for þe cause of þe rent not payd. In-to witnes of þe same þynge, to þys wrytinge 32 endentid þey sette to her comune sele, *with* þe selis of the seyde Iohn & aliȝ hys wyfe, eu*er*iche a-geynyst o*per*: þe date at Godestowe, in her chapitre, þe wodenesday next a-fore þe feste of seynt luke ewangeliste, þe vj. yere of Edwarde þe þyrd aft*er* 36 þe co*n*queste.

* leaf XXIIII or 35, back.

The land owes rent;

three days reaping, with only food allowed; one day haying, with both food and drink allowed; and suit to court.

Powers of distraint.

[1] 'The Cestu*m* yn heruyste off Blondon,' note in margin.

[819.] *** Chartur of Aliȝ wynnynge of Brodebluntesdon of londys & tenementes in Crickelade.**

* leaf XXV or 36, back. 139⅔, March 23. Quit-claim to Godstow, by Alice Winning, of all title in property.

THE sentence of this chartur is, þat aliȝ wynnynge of Brodebluntesdon surrendred to þe Abbas & couent of Godestowe all þe state, þat she had of the same Abbas & couent, of all londis & tenementes þat she had in þe towne & feldes of Crickelade; remittid & relesid Also, to þe same abbas & couent, all accions bothe reall & personall þat she myht haue a-geyniste hem fro þe bi-ginnynge of þe worlde vn-to þe dai of þe makynge of þis present writinge: in-to wittnes of þe whiche she put to her seel, þe date vppon shere thursdai[1], fallinge þe thursdai a-fore þe fest of þe annunciacion of owr lady, þe xiiij. yere of þe reine of kinge Richard þe secund aftur þe conqueste.

[EASTROP, near Highworth.]

[NOTE.—At the dissolution, 1540, this property is put down (*Monast.* iv. 374) as yielding Godstow £1 10s. yearly, and subject to a quit-rent of 2s. to the rector of Eddyngton. Eddington is a long way to the south-west: so possibly Hannington is meant.]

[820.] *** Chartur of warine of ailisbury I-made to Roger of writele & to anneis his wife of ij. yerdes londes[2] & vj. acris, with a mese, in worthe and Esthrop, paiinge þerof yerli for alle seruices vj. d at Mihel-mas.**

* leaf XXXI or 42. About 1270.

Sale to Roger of Writele, by Warine of Ailisburi, of a messuage, a yardland, 6 acres of 'echyng,' and pasture rights.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat warine of ailisburi gaf, graunti, & confirmi, to Roger of writele of brodebluntesdon & to anneis his wyfe & to his heires or assynis, j. yerde londe in þe towne of Esthorp, with a mese, with all oþer þinges ouer all perteininge þer-to, þe wiche walter of alfrinton helde sum-time in þe same towne, with all his pertinences in euiri place, & liberteis, in medis, closis, pasturs, weijs, patthis & in all oþer places euiri-where; & of þe encrese[3] vj. acris of londe of his demayne in þe seide felde of Esthorp; with þe pastur of on oxe in þe commune pasture of oxen of Esthrop: of þe whiche yerde londe (& also of þe vj. acris):—

Description of the yard-

j. acre liethe in ouereguldenelonde, nihe þe londe þat was

[1] Shere Thursday is Th. in Holy Week.
[2] In error for '1 yerde of londe.'
[3] Above *encrese*, *echyng* is written as a gloss. The Latin is: 'et de incremento sex acras terre de dominico meo in dictis campis de Estthorp.'

land:— 10 whole acres and 20 half-acres and 2 roods = 20½ acres. * leaf XXXI or 42, back.

of Richard' tarlari; & j. halfe acre in ne*þer*guldenlonde, nihe þe
londe *þat* was of Richard' tarlari; & j. acre also liethe aboue
rowndeu*er*, nihe þe londe of hugh maundeuile; & j. acre & halfe
also lieth ageiniste þe brodewei, nihe þe londe of Iohn ailwine; 4
& j. acre also lieth in brakelonde, nihe þe londe *þat* * was
of Iohn ailwine; & j. halfe acre lieth in þe same furlonge, nihe
þe londe of þe seide Iohn ailwine; & j. acre lieth at losenestede,
nihe þe londe of Gefrei Maundeuile; & j. acre lieth in sclade 8
forlonge, nihe þe londe *þat* was sum-time of pers ailisburi; & j.
halfe acre in þe same forlonge, nihe þe londe sum-time of Richard'
tarlari; & j. halfe acre at Denecheþescnolle, nihe þe londe *þat* was
of Richard' tarlari; & j. acre vppon bradeborowe, nihe þe londe 12
þat was sum-time of Thomas Staunton; & j. halfe hed'-acre in
Shoccombe, nihe þe londe *þat* was of Iohn ailwine; & j. halfe
hed'-acre lyeth euyn [1] þer*e*, nihe þe londe *þat* was of hugh Maun-
deuile; & j. acre in longe breche, nihe the londe sum time of 16
Iohn ailwine; & j. halfe acre in Malmiebreche, nihe þe londe
þat was of william Dolle; & j. halfe acre in þe same forlonge,
nihe þe londe *þat* was of Richard' tarlari; & j. halfe acre lieth
at Ellecombe, nihe þe londe *þat* was of henri Staunford'; & 20
j. halfe acre a-boue Ellecombe, nihe þe londe *þat* was of Ric*hard*
tarlari; & j. halfe acre lieth in wowelonde, nihe þe londe sum-
time of Richard' tarlari; & j. halfe acre in ne*þer*wowelonde, nihe
þe londe of hugh maundevile; & j. halfe acre in blakelond', nihe 24
þe londe *þat* was of Robert kefe; & j. halfe acre in þe same for-
longe, nihe þe londe sum-time of Iohn penot; & j. halfe acre
a-geiniste borihai, nihe þe londe of Thomas lecchelade; &
j. halfe acre in þe same forlonge, nihe þe londe sum-tyme of 28
Robert Doninge; & j. acre at renardeswell, nihe þe londe sum-
time of hugh Maundeuile; & j. acre in churegeweiforlonge nihe
þe londe su*m*-time of Rog*er* kenecote, & j. halfe acre in brumel-
forlonge vppon grafton, nihe þe londe sum-time of Richard' 32
tarlari; & j. halfe acre in þe same forlonge nihe þe londe sum-
time of hugh maundeuile; & j. p*er*che lieth nihe balacre; &
j. p*er*che lieth in þe crofte *þat* was of Thomas Staunton þe more
nihher þe p*ar*te *þat* was toward' þe mese of henri Staunford'; & 36
j. halfeacre lieth in middilforlonge vppo*n* grafto*n*, nihe þe londe
sum-time of Richard' tarlari;

[1] The Latin is: 'una dimidia acra capitalis iacet ibidem iuxta terram.'

& also[1] of vj. acris of londe of þe heche, j. acre lieth bi-hinde þe mese þat was of Nicholas balawe; & j. halfe acre ageiniste watton, nihe þe londe sum time of Iohn templeman; & j. acre vppon reddone in middilforlonge, nihe þe londe sum-time of Robert of mille; & j. halfe acre nihe þe benche, nihe þe londe sumtime of hugh maundeuile; & j. halfe acre lieth in redlonde, nihe þe londe sum time of hugh mau*n*deuile; & j. halfe acre ageiniste st*i*ms*ȝ*esmore, nihe þe londe su*m*-time of Richard penne; & iij. butt*es*[2] of londe liinge to-gedur & strecchinge towarde the hei more, nihe þe londe sum-time of hubert gardine; & iiij. butt*es* of londe liinge to-gedur & strecchyn hem-selfe towarde longemore, nihe þe londe sum-time of Richard tarlari; & j. halfe acre lieth in þe breche, nihe þe londe sum-time of Robert abendon:

Description of the six acres 'of the heche' = 2 acres, 5 half-acres, and 7 'butts' (irregular pieces).

to be had & to be holde, of him & of his heir*es*, to þe fore-seide Rog*er* & anneis & to her heiris or assinis or to ony o*þer* þat þei wille gif hit, sille, or biquethe, al so well in sekenes as in helthe, in fee & heritage, freli, quietli, well & pesibli, in riht heritage for euir, w*ith*-oute ony impediment or vexacion or ony o*þer* reclaiminge of him or of his heir*es* or of his assinis eu*er* aftur, paiinge þer*e*-of yerli to him & to his heiris or to his assinis vj. d of siluir at mihelmas, for all seruic*es* & sut*es* of his court, quarell, customs, aidis, wardis, eschet*es*, & seculer*e* de-mau*n*dis longinge to him & to his heir*es*, sauinge to him & to his heiris reso*nable relef: & þe seide warine his heiris or his assinis waranti*ȝ*id acquited & defended, to þe fore-seide Rog*er* & to anneis his wife & to her*e* heiris and assinis, all þe fore-seide londis, w*ith* all her*e* p*er*tinenc*es*, in medis feldis pastur*es* weiis pathis & in all o*per* places ou*er* all, ageiniste all mortall men; & also þat þei kepe hem w*ith*-oute harme, vndur þe foreseide waren & his heiris coste; & also fur*þer*more of þe riall[3] for euir. For þis gifte graunte & confirmacion & waranti*ȝ*inge, þe seide Rog*er* & anneis his wife gafe to him xl. marke of siluir in wari-sou*n* a-fore-hondis: & þat his gifte graunte confirmacion & waranti*ȝ*inge sholde be sure & stable for euir, he strengthid w*ith* his seele & is w*ith*-oute date.

Quit-rent, 6*d*. Relief reserved.

* leaf XXXII or 43.

Free of scutage.

Purchase-money, £26 13*s*. 4*d*.

[1] The Latin is: 'de sex acris terre de incremento.'

[2] Latin: 'tres sullones.'

[3] So also in Latin: 'regali' (*scil.* servitio).

About 1270.

[821.] Chartur of waryne of ailisbury I-made to Rog*er* of writele of j. yerde of londe & vj. acris of his lordeship as hit is conteinid' in þ^e^ chartur before.

Cancelled draft of no. 820. Proposed purchase-money, £25 6*s.* 8*d.*

THE sentence of this chartur & confirmacion is þe same þ*at* is wrete next afore, w*ith* þe pastur*e* of on oxe; & for this confirmacion he had xxx. viij. marke of siluir a-fore-handis. 4

About 1270.

[822.] a-noþ*er* chartur of warine of ailisburi of þ^e^ same, for þ^e^ which Rog*er* of writele payd [x]xxvij. marke & x. s*hillings*.

Cancelled draft of no. 820. Proposed purchase-money, £25 3*s.* 4*d.*

THE sentence of þis chartur is þe same afore sentencialli almost euiri worde.

About 1270.

[823.] a-noþ*er* confirmacion of þ^e^ same warine for þ^e^ same londe, acris, mese, & her' p*er*tinencis.

Cancelled draft of no. 820. Proposed quit-rent, 4*d.* Proposed purchase-money, £23 6*s.* 8*d.*

THE sentence of þis confirmacion is conteinid' in þe chartur' a-fore, w*ith* a condicion to pai iiij. d' of siluir at mihelmas, for 8 all' seruic*es*, seut*es* of courte, plaint*es*, customs, aidis, wardis, herriett*es*, eschet*es*, & for all' seruic*es* vtwarde, sauinge to hym & to his heiris resonable relefe: & for þis gifte, graunt, & confirminge, þe fore-seide Rog*er* gaf [xx]xv. marke of siluir bi-fore 12 hondes.

About 1270.

[824.] Chartur of Adam of ailisburi I-made to Rog*er* of writele confirminge þ^e^ gifte of warine his fadur'.

Confirmation of no. 820, to Roger of Writele, by Adam of Ailisburi. Quit-rent, 10*d.*

THE sentence is þe same a-fore, w*ith* a condicion to pay yerli x. d' for all' man*er* of customs & seruic*es*: & furþ*er*more in þis confirmacion Rog*er* of writele hadd' power*e*, more-ouir, 16 bothe in sekenes & in helþe, to gif þe seide londe a-fore rehersid' to religius howsis or where him lustid'.

[825.] * A graunt of Thomas of Maundeuile of fre entringe in þat tenement.

* leaf XXXII or 43, back. 1284, Aug. 25. Licence in mortmain, by Thomas de Mandeville, as chief lord of the fee, allowing Godstow to receive from Roger of Writele no. 820. Purchase-money, £1.

THE sentence of þis graunt is, þat Thomas Maundeuile grauntid̃, for him & his heiris for euir, to þe worshopfull woman of religion dame Mabili, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe 4 couent of þe same place, fre entringe in-to all̃ þat tenement, with þe pertinences, þat [s]he had of þe gifte & feffement of Roger of writele in heiworth & in Esthrop of his fee, with-oute ony ageine-seinge or lettinge of him or of his heiris, sauinge þe 8 seruices of þe fore-seide tenement dewe & wonid̃ to him & to his heiris. For þis graunte þe foreseide abbas gafe xx. shillings of sterlinges. In-to witnes þer-of he put to his seele: þe date at heiworthe, þe freday next aftur̃ seint bartholmewys 12 day, þe xij. yere of kynge Edward̃ þe sone of kynge henri.

[826.] Chartur of hugh Maundeuile I-made to Roger of writele of j. yerde of londe in fre socage, with a' mese & a crofte in þe towne of Esthrop, painge þerof yerli ij. shillings at iiij. termis of þe yere.

* leaf XXXIII or 44. About 1270.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat hugh of Maundeuile fitz Philip of Maundeuile gafe, grauntid̃, & confirmid̃, to Roger of writele of bluntesdon & to his heiris or assinis, for homage & 16 seruice, in-to fre socage, all̃ þat yerde-londe þat Raph castell̃ sumtime helde of him in þe towne of hyworthe (þat is to sei, in Esthrop), with j. mese and crofte & with oþer pertinences & liberteis, in medis, feldis, pastures, weijs, pathis, & in all̃ oþer 20 places euiry-whare, with-oute ony withholdinge to him & to his heiris, to be had̃ & to be holde, of him & of his heiris, to þe foreseide Roger of writele, & to his heiris or assinis, for to assine, gife, sille or bequeþe to whom so-euir he will̃ & whenne-so-euir 24 he wille, boþe in sekenes & also in helþe, in fee & heritage, freli & quietli, well̃ & pesibli, for riht heritage for euir, with-out ony lettinge reclaiminge or vexinge of him or of his heiris hereaftur̃, painge yerli þerof to him & to his heiris ij. shillings 28 of siluir at iiij. termis of þe yer̃, þat is to sei, at þe natiuite of our̃ lorde, vj. d̃; at estur, vj. d̃; at Midsomer̃, vj. d̃; & at Mihelmas, vj. d̃, for all̃ seruices, & sutis of his courte, playntes, customis, aidis, wardis, eschetis, & seculer̃ demaundis longinge

Grant to Roger of Writele, by Hugh of Mandeville, of Ralph Castell's yardland, subject to 2s. quit-rent.

to him & to his heiris, sauinge to him & to his heiris resonable relef: & þe same hugh warantiȝid' & acquitid' for euir þe fore-seide yerdlonde, *with* all oþ*er* þinge*s* a-fore rehersid', ageinist all men & women þ*at* miht in ony case aske ony þinge þ*er*of. 4

Purchase-money = giving up a lease, and £2 13*s.* 4*d.*

And for þis gifte graunt & confirmacion & warantiȝinge, þe seide Rog*er* relesid' to him iiij. yerde londis & ij. p*ar*ties of j. yerde-londe þ*at* he hilde of him to ferme to þe t*er*me of viij. yer*e*, *with* all his mese in þe same towne of heyworthe, & also he 8 gafe to him iiij. marke of siluir a-fore-handis: and for-asmuche þ*at* he wolde þ*at* his gift, g*ra*unt, confirmacion & warantiȝinge, sholde be ferme & stable for euir, he strengthid' hit *with* þe p*rin*tinge of his seele: & is *with*-oute date. 12

About 1270.

[827.] Graunt & confirmacion of heli of Maundeuile I-made to Rog*er* of writele of j. yerde londe.

Confirmation to Roger of Writele, by Elias de Mandeville of no. 826.

THE sentence of þis euidence is þe same þ*at* is next a-boue, *with* an addinge to, þ*at* he miht gife hit to religious howsis, bothe in sekenes & in helthe.

About 1284.

[828.] Chartur & confirmacion of heli of Maundeuile to dame Mabili abbas of Godestowe & to þe couent of þe same place for to take entre in-to þe same yerde-londe, *with* þe p*er*tinenc*es*, & þe rente of ij. s*hillings*.

Licence in mortmain by Elias de Mandeville, allowing Roger of Writele to give and Godstow to receive no. 826, free (as in no. 829) of the 2*s.* quit-rent over it.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*at* heli of Maundeuile 16 grauntid' to the worshipfull wemen, dame Mabili, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place, fre entre in all þ*at* yerde-londe, *with* þe p*er*tinenc*es*, þ*at* þei hadde of þe gifte of Rog*er* of writele in þe towne of hiworthe & esthrop, þe whiche 20 þe same Rog*er* helde of him. Fur*þer*more he gafe relesid' & quite-claimid' vtturli, of him & of his heiris for euir, to þe fore-seide dame mabili abbas of Godestow & heir couent all his rent of ij. s*hillings* þe whiche Rog*er* of writele was I-wonid to pay 24 him for þe fore-seide yerde-londe, to be had & to be holde of him & of his heiris or his assinis, to þe fore-seide mabili abbas & to her*e* couente & to her*e* successours, freli quietli well & pesibli for riht heritage for euir, * painge þ*er*of yerli to him 28 & to his heiris or to his assinis j. halfe ij. of comin at estur, for

* leaf XXXIII or 44, back.

all seruices & seculer demaunde: & þe same helie, his heiris, and assinis, warantiȝed acquitid & defendid þe foreseide yerde-londe for euir ageniste all men & women. Forþermore, for þis gifte & warantiȝinge þei gaf to him xx. *shillings* of siluer a-fore-handis for warisone. In-to witnes of þis þinge he sette to his seele: & is with-oute date.

[829.] A Chartur of helie of Maundeuile of ij. *shillings* of yerli rente.

About 1284.

Sale to Godstow by Elias de Mandeville, of the 2*s.* quit-rent, as in no. 826 and no. 828.

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat helie of Maundeuile fitz hugh of Maundeuile gafe & grauntid, for him & his heiris or his assinis, to god & to the churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons þer seruinge god & to serue for euir, ij. *shillings* of yerli rente þe whiche he was wonid to receiue yerli of Roger of writele for a yerde-londe þe whiche he had of þe gifte of hugh his fadur in þe towne of hiworthe & Esthrop, to be had & to be holde, of him & of his heiris or assinis, to god & to þe churche of Godestowe & to þe minchons in þe same seruinge god & to serue for euir, freli, quietli, well & pesibli, with-oute ony reclaime or ageineholdinge to him & to his heiris or assinis, painge þerof yerli to him & to his heiris or his assinis half a lb. of comin for all exaccion & seculer demaunde at estur. For þis gifte graunt & quite-claime, þei gaf to him xx. *shillings* of sterlinges good & laufull monei a-fore-handis. Forþermore, he, his heiris, or his assinis, acquited and defendid, to þe fore-seide churche of Godestowe & to þe mynchons þer seruinge god & to serue for euir, þe fore-seide rente of ij. *shillings* ageiniste all men and women with her owne costis. In tokin þer-of he put to þis present writinge his seele: & is with-oute date.

Quit-rent now is to be ½ lb. of cumin.

Purchase-money, £1.

[830. * Charter of Richer Tarilari of a messuage and croft, made to Roger of Writele, paying 1*d.* at Easter.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 36. About 1270.

Draft of a grant to Roger of Writele, by Richard Tarlari, of a

Richer Tarlari, of Estrop in Heyeworth, gave, to Roger of Writele of Bluntesdone and his heirs and assigns, a messuage in Heyeworthe with a croft and pertinents, namely that messuage which lay between the messuage which was of Warin

messuage and croft,

of Eylesburi and that of Thomas of Stanton, paying yearly 1*d.* of silver at Easter for all services, suits of his court, quarrels, customs, helps, wards, escheats, and secular demands belonging to him and his heires, and free of foreign service, but reserving reasonable relief: and for this]

in exchange

* leaf XXXV or 45.

for a messuage and on payment of £2 13*s.* 4*d.* (see no. 831).

* confirmacion[1], þe seide Rog*er* gafe to him j. mese in þe seide towne of Esthorpe in-to eschaunge, & four*e* marke of siluir bi-fore-handis, þ*a*t is to sey, þ*a*t mese þ*a*t was sumtime of walt*er* of alfrinton: &, for þ*a*t he wolde þ*a*t his gifte graunt co*n*firmacion & warantizinge sholde be sure & stable for euir, he strengthid̃ hit w*ith* þe printinge of his seele: & is w*ith*-oute date[2].

About 1270.

[831.] Chartur of Richarde tarlari I-made to Rog*er* of writele of j. mese w*ith* a crofte in þe towne of esthrop & of ij. acris of londe w*ith* on p*er*che, painge þ*er*-of yerli j. d̃ at Mihelmas.

Grant to Roger of Writele, by Richard Tarlari, of messuage, croft,

THE sentence of this chartur is, þ*a*t Richard̃[3] of tarlari, of Esthrop in hiworthe, gaf, grauntid̃, & confirmid̃, to Rog*er* of writele & to anneis his wife & to his heiris or assinis, for his seruice, all̃ his mese þ*a*t he had̃ in þe towne of Esthrop in hyworthe w*ith* þe crofte & all̃ his p*er*tinenc*es* & fredoms, þ*a*t is to sei, þ*a*t mese þ*a*t is bitwene þe mese þ*a*t was of warine of ailisburi & þe mese þ*a*t was of Thomas of Staunton, & ij. acris & a p*er*che of his lo*n*de in þe feldis of Esthrop, w*ith* all̃ his p*er*-tinenc*es* & fredoms, þ*a*t is to sei, j. halfe acre at Ellecu*m*be, þe whiche lieth nih þe londe þ*a*t was of warine of ailisburi; & j. half acre in stotfurlonge, nih þe londe þ*a*t was of þe seide warine of ailisburi; & j. halfe acre at litilcoldeforlonge, þe whiche lithe nih þe londe þ*a*t was of Ric*hard* dolle; & j. halfe acre in deneknedishull̃, nih þe londe þ*a*t was of the seide Richard̃ dolle; & j. p*er*che vppon doune in whale-hull̃[4], þ*a*t lieth nih þe londe þ*a*t was of Iamis of worthe: to be had & to be holde, of him & of his heiris, to þe seide Rog*er* & anneis his wife: & so forthe, worde for worde, as hit is write a-fore in þe

four half-acres,

and one rood,

[1] The English Register resumes after loss of a leaf.

[2] Witnesses: Walerand of Bluntesdon; Roger de la Buri; Peter of the mill; Peter of Eylesburi, &c.

[3] 'Richerus' in the Latin.

[4] 'Walehull' in the Latin.

chartur: & for þis confirmacion þe seide Rog*er* & anneis gaf to him a-fore-handis j. mese in þe towne of Esthrop & vj. marke & j. halfe of siluir, & Richard made hit sur*e* w*ith* his seele: & is
4 w*ith*oute date [1].

inexchange and on payment of £4 6*s.* 8*d.*

[832.] Chart r of Richard of tarlari I-made to Rog*er* of writele of ij. acris of londe w*ith* on p*er*che painge þ*er*of yerli j. d at Mihelmas.

About 1270.

THE sentence of þis chartur is þe same that is a-fore; except j mese, ofthe whiche here he makith no men sion.

Cancelled draft of no. 831.

[833.] *LOKE þe chartur of Rog*er* of writele bacwarde a-monge
8 þe charturs of bluntesdon, in þe whiche the same Rog*er* gaf to þe house of Godestowe all his londis & tenement*es* in brode-bluntesdon, Esthrop, & Cheleworthe.

* leaf XXXV or 45. Reference to no. 809.

[834.] * Chartur of Rog*er* of writele to seyson the abbas of Godestowe Dame Mabili in all his londis & tenement*es* w*ith* her p*er*tinenc*es* in hyworth & Esthrop.

* leaf XXXIII or 44, back. 1284, Aug. 22.

THE sentence of þis dede is þ*at* Rog*er* of writele ordeinid his
12 welbelouid in criste Rog*er* brien his attornei to put the worshipful women of religion, the abbas of Godestowe, Dame Mabili, & þe couent of þe same place, in-to full seyseninge of

Letter of attorney, for no. 833.

[Leaf XXXIIII in the old paging is missing.]

[* the lands he had in Heyeworthe and Estthrop which
16 he gave to them. Given at Bluntesdon, Wednesday before St. Bartholomew, 12 Edward I.]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 35, back. [Bartholomew = Aug. 24.]

[835.] * Chartur of a gift & gr*a*unt of Thomas tarlari of j. mese withe ij. acris of londe & j. rode I-made to þe minchons of Godestowe in hyworthe & in Esthrop.

* leaf XXXV or 45. 1284, Aug. 26.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*at* Thomas tarlari was welle I-co*n*tent & plesid of þe gifte & graunt þ*at* Rog*er* of writele
20 made to þe worshipful women of religion, Dame Mabili, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place, of j. mese, ij. acris

Licence in mortmain by Thomas Tarlari, as chief lord of the fee,

[1] Witnesses: Roger de la buri de Bluntesdon; Peter of the mill; Warin of Eylesburi; Nicholas de gardino; Jeffrey de Maundeville, &c.

empowering Roger of Writele to give, and Godstow to receive no. 831. Fee for the licence, 10*s*.

& j. rode of londe, w*ith* þe p*er*tinencis, in Worth & Esthrop; grauntid for him & his heiris, & confirmid' for euir, þe same þing*es* a-fore rehersid', þe whyche þe fore-seide Rog*er* helde sum-time of him: & for þis graunt & confirmacion, þe foreseide abbas gaf to him x. s*hillings* of st*er*ling*es*. In-to witnes of þis, he put to his seele, þe date at Worth, þe saturday next aftur seint bartholomewe feste, þe xij. yere of þe reine of kinge Edwarde þe sone of kinge henri.

* leaf XXXI or 42. 1284, Oct. 5.

[836.] Chartur of kynge Edwarde of a mese & londe in Esthrop.

Licence in mortmain by Edward I, allowing Roger of Writele to give to Godstow a plough-land in Eastrop, i.e. in Highworth and Blunsdon,

THE sentence of þis chartur is þ*at* edwarde, bi þe grace of god kinge of Inglonde lorde of Irelonde & Duke of gyen, þow þat he, bi his co*m*mune cownsell of his reme, prouidid' þ*at* hit sholde not be lefful to religious pepul or to oþ*er* to entre þe fee of ony man so þ*at* hit sholde come to morte-maine, w*ith*-oute his leue & lic*en*s & of þe chefe lorde of þe whiche þ*at* þinge was I-holde inmediatli, Netheles he, will*ing* to do special grace & fauor to Rog*er* of writell, gaf to him licens, al so muche as was in him, þ*at* he miht gife & assine to his welbelouid' abbas in criste & to þe minchons of Godestowe a plowh-londe, w*ith* þe p*er*tinenc*es*, in heiworth & bluntesdoune, to be holde & to be had to hem & to her successo*ur*s for euir: & he grauntid' also to þe same abbas & minchons licens þ*at* þei miht receiue þe fore-seide londe of þe fore-seide Rog*er* so, bi þe tenour*e* of þese p*re*sent writing*es*: & he wolde not þ*at* þe same Rog*er* or a-fore-seide abbas and mynchons sholde be occasionid' or lette þ*er*of, bi him or bi his heiris, bi the reson of þe statute a-fore-seide in ony wise or be a-greuid', yet sauinge þe seruices dewe & wonid' þ*er*of to þe chef lordis of þe fee. In-to witnes of þis þinge he lete make his lett*ur*s patent*es*, him-silfe beringe witnes at 'mounte[1] hie' þe fifte day of october, þe xij. yer of his reine. I-co*m*maun*d*id' to þe chaunceler de monte alto.

and allowing Godstow to receive it.

* leaf XXXII or 43. About 1280.

[837.] * Chartur of adam of Eilisbury fitz warine of a place, crofte, curtilage & j. hole halle.

Sale to Sarah of Mandeville,

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*at* adam fitz warine gaf grauntid' & confirmid', for him & his heiris & his assinis for euir,

[1] In the margin, *hawte mount* is written.

to Sare of Maundeuile to heꝛ heiris & assinis for euir, his place, crofte, curtilage, & *with* þe hole howse þ*at* he haḋ in the towne of Esthorp, þ*at* is to sei, þ*at* place þ*at* wareine his faduꝛ sum-
4 time helde, *with* þe crofte, curtelage, & þe hole halle, & oþ*er* p*er*tinenc*es* (sauinge þe Est party of þe crofte þe whiche Ric*hard* castell helde a-fore of his gifte & of þe ȝyfte of william his broþ*er*, & hit lieth nihe þe courte þ*at* was of Rog*er* of writele)
8 *with* all his p*er*tinenc*es* in all places, liberteis, & esiment*es*, to be haḋ & to be holde of þe lorde of þ*at* chefe fee & of his heiris in-to fre socage, to þe fore-seide sare, & to heꝛ heiris or assinis, or to ony oþ*er* to whom-so-euir she will (in sekenes or
12 in helþe) assine gif sille or biqueþe hit, in fre heritage, freli, quietli, well & pesibli, for riht heritage for eu*er*, *with*-oute ony reteininge or lette of him or of his heiris her*e*-aftuꝛ, painge þ*er*-of yerli to Thomas of Mawndeuile, chefe lorde of þ*at* fee,
16 & to his heiris or assinis, j. pair*e* of spurr*es* gilte or vj. ḋ. * of siluir at estur*e*, & at mihelmas j. ꝗj. of comyn, for all seruic*es*, sute of court, plai*ntes*, aidis, wardis, homag*es*, reconisaunc*es*, eschet*es*, heriett*es*, relefes, & oþ*er* seculer dema*n*dis: & þe fore-
20 seide adam, his heiris, & assinis, warantiȝed acquited & defendid þe crofte a-fore-seide, *with* all oþ*er* þing*es* a-fore rehersid, a-geiniste all men & women þ*at* wolde make ony quarell a-geiniste heꝛ: & for þis gifte graunt & confirmacion & waran-
24 tiȝinge, þe seide Sare gafe to him xx. marke of silu*er* a-fore hondis: &, for-as-much as he wolde þis gifte graunt confirminge & warantiȝinge sholde be suꝛ & stable for euir, he strengthid hit *with* þe p*r*intinge of his seele: & is *with*-oute date.

by Adam son of Warin of Ailesbury, of house and lands,

held by quit-rents of

* leaf XXXII or 43, back.

gilt spurs and 1 lb. of cummin.

Purchase-money, £13 16*s.* 8*d.*

[838.] Chartur of Sar*e* of Maundeuile for a mese curtilage & crofte in heiworþe.

About 1290.

28 The sentence of þis chartuꝛ is, þ*at* Sar*e* of Maundeuile gaf, graunti, & confirmi, to þ*at* worthi woman dame mabili, bi þe g*rac*e of god abbas of Godestowe, & to the couent of þe same place & to her*e* successours for euir, j. mese *with* a curtilage
32 & crofte in þe towne of heyworth (þ*at* is to sei, in Esthrop), þe whiche she haḋ of þe gifte of adam wareine in þe same towne, *with* alle heꝛ p*er*tinenc*es* in all plac*es*, to be haḋ & to be holde, of Thomas maundeuile lord of þe fee & of his heiris, to þe fore-

Sale to Godstow, by Sarah of Mandeville, of a messuage, curtilage, and croft, as in no. 837,

seide Mabile, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place & to heꝛ successours, freli, quietli, weꝰꝰ & pesibli, for riht heritage for euir, w*ith*-out ony reteininge, doinge þ*er*-of to þe same Thomas lorde of þe fee dewe seruic*es* & wonid̃ to þe for- 4 seide mese & crofte p*er*teininge, for aꝰꝰ seruic*es* & seculer demaundis longinge to him & to his heiris, sauinge to þe lorde of þe fee aꝰꝰ seruic*es* aforeseide longiñge to þe same tenement boþe in sute of courte & also in rent*es*, þ*at* is to sei, a paire of 8 sporis gilte or vj. d̃. at estur & j. pownde of comin at mihelmas, w*ith* þe seide sute, yerli : & þe seide Sar*e* & heꝛ heiris warantiȝid̃ acquitid̃ & defendid̃ to þe foreseide dame Mabili, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place & to her*e* succes- 12 sours, aꝰꝰ þe fore-seide tenement ageiniste aꝰꝰ mortaꝰꝰ men for eu*er*. For this gifte graunt & confirminge & warantiȝinge, þe fore-seide dame mabili, abbas of Godestowe, gaf to heꝛ xx. marke of silu*er* in warison bi-fore handis. In-to witnes 16 her*e*-of her*e* seele was put to þis writinge : & is w*ith*-oute date.

subject to suit to court, and to quit-rents, as in no. 837.

Purchase-money, £13 6*s*. 8*d*.

About 1290.

[839.] Chartur of Thomas Maundeuile confirminge þe chartur of Sar*e* his Sistur.

Licence in mortmain, by Thomas de Mandeville, as chief lord, allowing his sister to give and Godstow to accept no. 838.

THE sentence of þis confirmacion is euin þe same worde for worde as is þe chartur of 20 the gifte of feffement a-fore seide.

* leaf XXXIII or 44, back. About 1290.

[840.] * Chartuꝛ of Gefrei of Maundeuile for a mede longinge to þe halfe acr e.

Grant to Godstow, by Jeffrey of Mandeville, of a meadow, and pasture-right.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þ*at* Gefrei of Maundeuile gaf, grauntid̃, & confirmid̃, to Dame Mabili Wafre, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place, in-to puꝛ & p*er*petuel 24 almis, aꝰꝰ þe mede longinge to on half acre in þe felde of hiworþe, þ*at* is to sei, in þe mede þ*at* is callid̃ estmede ondermede & toddenei in p*ar*tinge of þe mede of þe same abbas, w*ith* þe halfe of þe pasture of j. oxe in þe fre pastur*e* of Esthrop, 28 w*ith* aꝰꝰ his p*er*tinenc*es* & fredoms in euiri place longinge to þe fore-seide mede & pastuꝛ, to be had̃ & to be hold̃ to þe fore-seide abbas & couent & to her successours, freli & quietli, weꝰꝰ and pesibli, for riht heritage for euiꝛ, w*ith*-oute ony w*ith*holdinge, & 32

[fre] fro all̃ seculer̃ seruic*es* or demaunde : also þe foreseide Gefrei & his heiris warantiȝid̃ acquitid̃ & defendid̃, to þe foreseide abbas & couent & her̃ successours, all̃ þe foreseide mede & pastur*e*, w*ith* all̃ þe p*er*tinenc*es*, agenist all̃ mortall̃ men. In-to witnes þ*er*of he put to his seele : & is w*ith*-oute date.

[Highworth.]

[841. * Charter of Nicholas de Gardino of a half-yardland of land, made to Roger of Writele, paying one halfpenny of silver and a lb. of cummin at Michaelmas.

*** Exchequer MS. leaf 35, back. About 1270.**

Nicholas de Gardino granted, to Roger of Writele and his heirs and assigns, a half-yardland of his land in the fields of Worthe, namely that which he had of the gift of Matilda the daughter of Everard le pestur, with all the mead belonging to it, namely in Estmed, Sundermed, Rowendene, Eldelonde;

Sale to Roger of Writele, by Nicholas of the Garden, of a half-yardland and meadow:—viz. in one field, 10 half-acres, 4 roods, 3 half-roods, all separate,

a half-acre in North field in Rugfordelonde next the land which was of John Everard; a half-acre in Waterforn southwards, next the land which was of Robert of Abindone; a half-acre at þickeþorne, next the land which was of John Penot; one rood in Gerbrodelonde, next the land which was of William Torn; and a half-acre under rigge, next the land which was of Jeffrey of Mandeville; a half-acre at Rowendene, next the land which was of Robert of Abindone; [a half-acre at þickeþorne [1]] of Humphrey asse; a half-acre in Luttlechaldeforlong, next the land which was of William Bassat; a half-acre towards Grenlinche, next the land which was of Hugh of Mandeville; one rood at Wattoneshurne, next the land which was of Warin of Eylesburi; a half-acre at Garstoneszete, next the land which was of William Bassat; one rood under Budewelle, next the land which was of Eruald Wypping; a half-rood at Dracȝurde, next the land which was of Robert of the mill; a half-rood at Holeweye, next the land which was of Robert Ref; a half-rood there next the land which was of William Torn; a half-acre at benche, next the land which was of John Everard; one rood at Settelþorne, next the land which was of John Everard.

[1] Marked for correction: 'next the land which was' ought to have followed.

and, in another field, 6 half-acres, 3 roods, and 3 sellions, all separate;

In South field, a half-acre at Reuerdesforlonge, next the land which was of John Aylewyne; a half-acre over Sevenhemehull, next the land which was of Roger Castel; a half-acre in inlonde, next the land which was of Ralph Castel; one rood there, next the land which was of William Torn; a half-acre in Wowelonde, next landewe; a half-acre towards heyemore, next the land which was of Ralph Castel; one rood at Holelake, next the land which was of Jeffrey de Mandeville; a half-acre under gurefeu, next the land which was of John Everard; * one rood at Wydihamme, next the land which was of Hugh of Mandevile; three 'sullones' in a croft at Korpeswelle.

* leaf 36.

in all about 11 acres. Quit-rent ½*d.* and a lb. of cummin. Purchase-money, £7 6*s.* 8*d.*

All these he granted to Roger of Writele, his heirs and assigns, to be held by payment of a half-penny of silver[1] and a lb. of cummin at Michaelmas for all services, except reasonable relief. For this grant Roger of Writele paid 11 marcs of silver. Witnesses, Warin of Eylesburi, Roger of Laburi, Peter of the mill, etc.]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 36. 1284, Aug. 26.

[842. * Quit-claim of Hubert de Gardino of Worthe.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Hubert of the garden, of all title in no. 841. Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.* [Widhill, near Highworth.] [Bartholomew = Aug. 24.]

HUBERT de gardino quit-claimed to Mabil, abbess of Godstow, and the convent of Godstow, all right and title in a half-yardland, with meadow belonging to it, in Worth and Estthrop, which they had of the gift of Roger of Writele, and which the said Roger had of Hubert's father Nicholas de gardino. For this grant Godstow paid him a marc of silver.

Witnesses:—Richard de la Ryvere, and John Waleraund, knights; Thomas of Maundevill; John of Wydhull, etc. Given at Heyeworthe, Saturday after St. Bartholomew, 12 Edward I.]

* leaf XVII or 29, back. 1285.

[843.] * Chartur of Rog*er* writele of brode bluntesdunne of londys & tenementys.

Duplicate of no. 809. Grant to Godstow,

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Rog*er* writele of brode bluntysdoune, by the assent & consent of anneys hys wyfe, gafe grauntyde & confermyde w*ith* hys wrytynge, & claymyd' vtturly

[1] 'unus obolus argenti.'

to be quite for hym & hys heyrys, to god & to þe churche of our lady seynt Marye & of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe mynchons there seruynge god & to serue for euyr, 4 for the helthe of hys sowle & of anneys hys wyfe & Isabel sumtyme his wyfe & for þe soules of here fadurs & modurs & of all benefet*urs*, in-to fre & p*er*petual almys, all hys londys in brode bluntysdone & in Esthrop & in þe towne of heyworth 8 & in chelworþe, w*ith* þe mansions, bildynges, gardynys, doffehowsys, fre tenaunt*es*, bou*n*de holders w*ith* her sequelis (or hem þ*at* folowe of hem), coterell, rent*es*, work*es*, helpis, wardys, relefys, eschet*es*, fynys of londys, a-geyne-byyng*es* of her p*ro*- 12 geniturys, medys, pasturys, scuag*es*, sutys of courtys, w*ith* all oþ*er* liberteis & fre customys longynge to all þe seyde londys in all þe seyde plac*es*, w*ith*-out ony ageyne-holdynge to hym & to hys heyrys or to ony in þe worlde, & w*ith* all þ*at* myht 16 falle to hem or to hys heyrys or to ony other by ony Ryht, all þe seyde londys to be holde & to be had, w*ith* all þyngys p*er*teynynge to þe same, to þe fore-seyde churche of Godestowe & to þe seyde mynchons ther seruynge god & to serue for euyr, 20 frely pesybly & holly for euyr, of þe lordys of þe fees, doynge þ*er*-of to hem seruic*es* dewe & wonyd, þe whych he dyd or was wonyd to do for þe fore-seyde londys for all þyng*es* & euyrych þy*ng* p*er*teynynge to hem: also he gafe to þe fore-seyde myn- 24 chons yerly, in þe day of hys anniu*er*sarie, xl. s*hillings* to a pitaunce in-to a memorye of hys sowle: & for þys gyft graunt & confirmacion & quite-clayme, þe foreseyde abbas & mynchons receyuyd specially hys sowle, & þe sowlys of anneys & of Isabel 28 hys wyfys, fadurs & modurs sowlys, & of all hys benefeturs, in all her suffrag*es*, prayers, almys & vigils for euyr: & þ*at* þys gyft graunt & confirmacion & hys quite-clayme sholde byde sure stable & unbroke for euyr, he put to hys seele: & is w*ith*out date.

by Roger of Writele, of all his lands and manorial rights

in Broad Blunsdon, Eastrop, Highworth and Chalworth,

out of which £2 is to be spent as a pittance on his anniversary. Godstow is to give Roger, his wives, his parents and his benefactors a place in the prayers of the community.

[Sevenhampton.]

[844.] * The Chart*er* of William Bonyfaunt of Sevenhampton I-made to Roger of Writele of an acre of lond w*ith* a perche, paiyng therfor yerely j. d. at Estir.

* leaf L or 60, back. About 1270.

32 The sentence of this Charter is, that William Bonyfaunt of Sevenhampton, the sone of Everard Baker, yaf and graunted,

Sale to Roger of Writele,

by William Bonyfaunt, of 1 acre, 1 rood;

and *with* his owne chartir confermed, to Roger of Writele of Bluntesdon and to his heires or to his assignes, for his service, an acre of his lond and a perche in the feldes of Sevenhampton, that is to sey, j. acre at Wodepole liyng togedir bitwene the lond of the demayne of Sevenhampton and the lond that was of William Elmer, and a perche liyng beside Morlplotte bitwene the lond of the demayne of Sevenhampton and the lond of William Elmer: to be holde and to be had, of hym and of his heires, to the said Roger and to his heires or to his assignes who-so-ever they be and whom-so-ever he willed assigne yeve or bequeth, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, in fee and in heritage, fre and quyetly wele and in pease, *without* ony lette or ony reclayme or vexyng of hym or of his heires here-after, paiyng therfor yerely to hym and to his heires j. d. of siluer at Ester, for all seruyces, sutes of his Court, quareles or playntes, customes, helpes, releves, wardes, Eschetis, and

quit-rent, 1*d.*

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* Exchequer MS. leaf 64.

[* other secular demands. William Bonyfaunt warrantizes said acre and rood to Roger of Writele. For this grant Roger gave him 20*s.* before-hand to his great need. Witnesses:—Peter of the mill, Warin of Eylesbury, etc.]

[Ufcot, near Cricklade.]

* leaf 169, back. About 1200?

[845.] * A Charter of Symond Louel, fitz William Louel, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for all the londe *with* the principall or chief mese and *with* all other *per*tynentis that he bought and had somtyme in the towne of Vffecote.

Grant to Godstow by Simon Louel,

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Symond Louel, fitz William Louel, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther *ser*uyng god, for the helthe of his soule and of the sowles of his fadir and modir and the sowles of his brethern and his sust*er*en, all the lond *with* the chief mese, * the hole of possessions of frutes and all other frutes and *pr*ofites and all lib*er*teis that eu*er* hit had best and freliest, savyng the bisshoppes right in all thyngis. And that this his yifte

* leaf 170. of land of the

shold' not fro that tyme be reuoked' by ony machynacion or shrew, he confermed' the same pagyne[1], and strengthed' hit with the defence of his seale. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera.* bishop's fee.

[Note.—The Latin copy (Exchequer MS. leaf 151, back) shows that the translator in condensing the document, has left out matter of importance. The witnesses were 'Sir' Philip Lovel, 'Sir' William of Torney, and 'Sir' Richard of Henton, probably parish clergy. The land (4 virgates) was bought from Robert Toky, and held subject to a quit-rent of 12*d.* at Easter. The sum of 5*s.* was to be spent as a pittance to Godstow on the donor's anniversary day, and the rest of the income to be given to the use of the kitchen of Godstow. At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow still owned some small revenue at Ufcot, but it is slumped with revenues from Cricklade, &c.: *Monast.* iv. 374.]

[846. * Of a half-virgate in Uffecote.

*Exchequer MS. leaf 151, back. About 1200?

4 Simon Luvell gave to Godstow the half-virgate in Uffecote, which Walter, son of Gunuld, gave to him. Grant to Godstow, by Simon Lovel, of a half-yardland.

Witnesses:—Peter of Meyroles; Thomas of Uffecote; Philip Luvel, cleric.]

[Watereaton, near Cricklade.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* Godstow is put down as receiving in spiritualities a portion of £2 yearly from Eaton chapel (probably the lesser tithe, see no. 851), and in temporalities £20 from properties in Cricklade and Eaton. In the survey of 1531 (*Monast.* iv. 373) the properties in Nun-eton or West-eton and in Broad Blunsdon are assessed to be worth £60 a year.

In Mr. J. Horace Round's *Peerage and Family History* (1901), pp. 201–6, these Godstow deeds are brought in to explain the grantor's family history. Reginald fitz-count, was son of Roger fitz-William, earl of Hereford, who died in prison in 1087. Mr. Round thinks him a legitimate son, excluded from the earldom, because that was forfeited by his father's rebellion. He held property in Wiltshire in right of his wife, Emmeline, daughter and heiress of Hamelin de Ballon, lord of Abergavenny.]

[847.] * Chartur of Reinolde of þe man*er* of Eton.

* leaf XXVIII or 39, back. About 1142.

8 The sentence of this chartur is, þ*a*t Reinold' fit3 erle, & Emeline his wyfe, & his sones Reinolde & hameline, & his dowht*er*s anneis & Iuliane, gaf, & *gra*untide, to god & to our ladi, & to seint Iohn baptiste & to the holi minchons of Gode- Grant to Godstow, by Reginald fitz-count, of the manor,
12 stowe, in-to p*er*petuel almis, his man*er*, þ*a*t is to sei, Eton,

[1] i. e. *pagina*, used as equivalent to 'document.'

as well & worshipfulli, freli & quietli, in all pinges & in all places, as euer he helde beste in þe time of kynge henry or of kynge Stephin, þe which also grauntid & confirmid this gifte bi his chartur for þe sowle of kynge henri & for her sowlis at the beginninge rehersid & for þe sowlis of her aunceturs: & is with-oute date.

confirmed by king Stephen.

[The preceding deed and no. 850 are printed in *Monast.* iv. 365 from the Latin.]

1145. Restatement of no. 847.

[848.] Chartur of Reinolde fitz Roger Erle of herford for þe maner of Etoñ.

Grant to Godstow, by Reginald son of Roger, earl of Hereford, of the manor of Eaton,

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat Reinolde (þe sone of Roger, Erle of herforde) & emeline his wife willid to be knowe, to[1] þe bisshope of lincolne[2] & all cristen men present now & for to come, þat boþe þei & his too sonis Reinolde & hameline, & also his too dowhters anneis & Iulian, gafe, & grauntid, to god & to our ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, in-to perpetuel almis, to þe vse of þe holi minchons, Eton his maner of her chife lordeshippe, for her helþe & for remedi of her sinnis & also for þe sowle of kynge henry & for þe sowlis of his aunceturs. Werefore þei willid & desirid affectuosli þat no man, bi þe deuillis meuinge, sholde be a-bowte for to lette þis gifte or uexe þe fore-seid minchons of þe fore-seide churche with ony doinges to make hem weri of hit, but þat þei holde hit & haue hit well & in peece, freli & quietli & worshipfull[i], in woode & in plaine, in medes & pasturs, in waters & millis [&] in pondis, in weiis & paþis, & in all þinges longynge to hit, with all customis & liberteis, as freli & also welle as euir þei helde hit while þat hit was in her owne honde in þe time of kynge henri & afturwarde in kinge Stephin's time, bi whos chartur Also þis gifte of hem was confirmid, þe x. yere of his reine.

with full manorial rights,

with confirmation by King Stephen.

About 1154.

[849.] Confirmacion of kynge henry for þe maner of Etoñ.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, of the grant

THE sentence of this chartur or confirmacion is, þat henri, kinge of Inglonde duke of Normandie & of gyen & Erle of aunge, willid to be know to archebisshopis bisshopes Abbotes Erlis Iustices vicountes barons Ministres & to all his trewe

[1] MS. has 'þat,' by a slip for 'to.'

[2] As diocesan of Godstow.

men of Inglonde, þat he grauntid to god, & to * þe churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, & to þe minchons þere seruinge god, þat gifte þat Reinolde fitz Erle & Emeline his wife & william & hameline his sonis made to þe fore-seide churche of Godestowe & to þe minchons, of þe man*er* of Eton, in-to p*er*petuel almis. Where-fore he willid & co*m*maundid sureli þat þe foreseid churche & minchons sholde holde & haue þe fore-seide man*er* well & pesibli, freli & quietli & worshipfulli, in woode & plaine, w*ith* all o*þer* comoditeis rehersid in þe chartur bi-fore, & also freli as euir þei helde hit in her life: & is w*ith*-oute date.

of Eaton (no. 848). * leaf XXIX or 40.

[850.] * Chartur of reinold baelim for þe maner of Eton.

* leaf XXVIII or 39, back. About 1154.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat reinold baelim[1], þe sone of Reynold fitz counte al*ias* erle, & emeline baelim, g*ra*untid & confirmid þat gifte þat his fadur & his moodur maden of his man*er*, þat is to sei, of Eton, to god & to þe churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste & to þe holi minchons of Godestowe, in-to p*er*petuel almis: wherefor he grauntid & willid þat þe fore-seide minchons sholde holde & haue þe fore-seide man*er* well & in pece, freli, quietli, & worshipfulli, in all þing*es*, in wode & plaine, in medis & pasturis, in waturs & millis & pondis, in weiis & patthis, & in all o*þ*er plac*es*, w*ith* all thing*es* hangynge þ*er*-to, & all libertees & quieting*es* þe which þe foreseid Reinolde his fadur helde whenne þat he helde hit beste & freeste while þat hit was in his honde, and as hameline of baelim his vncle helde hit moste beste & frelieste in his life: & is w*ith*-oute date.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Reginald de Ballon, of his father's grant, as in no. 848.

[851.] * a composicion bitwene þe abbot of Cicetur & þe abbas & minchons of Godestowe for þe churche of Eton.

* leaf XXIX or 40, back. About 1195.

THE sentence of this composicion is, þat þ*er* was a delegacie I-sende fro pope celestine[2] þe iij. to henri[3], abbot of Abendon,

Commission appointed

[1] In error for 'Baelun,' i.e. de Ballon.

[2] Celestine III was pope 1191–8.

[3] 'Henry 'must be in error for 'Hugh,' possibly arrived at by wrongly expanding H. of the deed. Hugh, abbot, immediately succeeded Alfred (d. 1189), and remained abbot till his death (1221).

by pope Celestine III to decide suit between Godstow and Cirencester abbey, as to the relation of Eaton chapel to * leaf XXX or 41. Eisey (the mother-church). Orders that (*a*) Eaton is to be subject to Eisey as a chapel-of-ease; (*b*) Eaton chapel is to have land assigned for its endowment;

& to william[1], abbot of Thame, & to mastur Robert Chadeleswrde, to knowe þe cause of þe strife bi-twene Richard[2], abbat of Cicetur & þe chanons of þe same place, & þe abbas & minchons of Godestowe, for to cese hit with a dewe forme & ende. 4 & so, aftur mony tretinges of þe same mater, þei compownid frendli, bi counsel of wise men, & restid bi þis ende: þat is to sei, þat þe fore-seide abbas & mynchons, þe quarel & playnt þat þei had meuid to þe fore-seide abbot & chanons vppon the 8 * chapell of Eton (seiinge þat hit was & owid to be fre & assoiled fro þe subieccion of euiri modur church) remittid hit all to þe chanons, grauntinge also þat þe fore-seide chapel of Eton sholde a-bide subiecte for euer to þe church of Eisi 12 as a chapell. þei[3] grauntid also to þe chapell of Eton & bi hit to þe churche of Eisi (as to þe modur churche) halfe j. hide of londe in Eton biside þat halfe hide of londe þat hit holdiþe & haþe I-holde fro olde time, to be holde in-to pure & perpetuel 16 almis, with meede & pastur perteininge to þe same, freli & quietli fro all exaccion & seculer seruice þat shold be do to þe same minchons þer-of: also j. yerd-londe þat was assinid of olde time to the same chapell with þe pertinences þat hit had 20 of olde time, & a-noþer yerde of londe of þe lordeshipe of þe minchons in-to an eschange of a yerde of londe þat was assinid of olde time to þe fore-seide chapel, of þe whiche yerde of londe x. acris wer assinid in þe est felde in a telthe þat is callid 24 beringereslonde, & in þe same parte of þe felde was assinid of þe demain mede of þe minchons mede perteininge to þe fore-seide yerde of londe, þat is to sei, ij. acris & j. halfe; oþer x. acris wer assinid in þe sowth felde in telthe þat is callid vedermorforlonge, 28 in þe whiche telþe þe fore-seide minchons reteinid too vttermuste acris next to þe pasture: thei graunte also to þe fore-seide chapell, with þe fore-seide londe, a crofte with a mese next to þe

(*c*) great tithe of Eaton manor is to go to Eisey. [The tithe-barns.]

crofte longinge a-fore to þe fore-seide chapell. Thei graunte 32 also þat, of all her lordeship in Eton, þe tithis of þe corne sholde be gyfe hole at þe doris of þe bernis to þe person of Eisi & to his successours for euir, with-oute deceite or greuance. Thei promisid also, bi a boke oth, þat þei sholde neuer aftur- 36

[1] William of Forde, abbot 1184–1205.
[2] Richard, abbot of Cirencester 1187–1213. Cirencester abbey owned the rectory of Eisey.
[3] i. e. the Commissioners.

warde gete no lett*er*s fro þe pope, noþ*er* vse non I-gote, bi
þe whiche sholde ony derogacion be or hurte to þe fore-seide
couenaunt, & þ*at* þei sholde not turne þe arable londe in-to
4 pasture or pastur̃ in-to arable londe in-to deceite of þis coue-
naunt. & þe fore-seide abbot & couent grauntid̃ to þe fore-
seide chapell̃ of Eton þ*at* hit sholde haue bi þe churche of Eisi
all̃ seruice þ*at* hit was wonid̃ to haue of ryht, þ*at* is to sei,
8 euiri soneday, & euiri holi day, & iij. daiis in þe woke (þ*at* is to
sei, moneday, wodynesday & freyday), & thorowe all̃ þe lente,
continuel seruice, w*ith* þe ouris of þe day in lente & holi dais to
be seide. Thei grauntid̃ also þ*at* men of Eton sholde be biried̃
12 euirmore bi þe chapell̃eyn of Eisi in þe churche-yerde of þe
chapell̃ of Eton, sauinge thorowe all̃ þe riht to þe churche
of Eisi þ*at* þe fore-seide churche was I-wonid̃ to haue in þe
seide chapell̃, sauinge also þe bisshoppis riht & customis. Thei
16 *gr*auntid̃ also to þe foreseide abbas & couent of Godestowe þ*at*
hit sholde be lawefull̃ to hem for euir to reteine to hem-selfe þe
tithis of norisshinge of best*es* of here owne lordeship, & of
nouall̃ tithis, & fisshing*es*, & frut*es* of treis, aftur þ*at* hit
20 was gef to hem in þe p*ri*uileg*es* of pope clement þe v[1]. Thei
behestid̃ also, bi her̃ trowth, þei sholde not gette no þinge aftur-
warde noþ*er* vse I-gote ony þynge bi þe whiche ony gile sholde
come a-geiniste þis couenaunte or be derogacion & hurtinge in
24 ony wise: &, for-as-muche as hit is vn-semeli & a-geiniste reson
þ*at* contrau*er*si nameliche amonge religious folke lawfully endid̃
sholde be soreli I-meuid̃ ageine, þe delegat*es* co*n*firmid̃ this
* composicion, resonabli I-made a-fore hem, bi þe autorite þ*at*
28 þei had̃: and þ*at* hit sholde be sure for euir, thei chargid hem
to make hit stronge bi þe puttinge to of her̃ seelis to þis p*re*sente
writinge: & is w*ith*-oute date.

(*d*) Renunciation of appeal to Rome.
(*e*) Arable to remain arable; pasture, pasture.
(*f*) Services in Eaton chapel are to be supplied by Eisey church. [The 'Hours' of the day.]
(*g*) Eaton chapel is to have its own churchyard.
(*h*) Godstow is to have the lesser tithes of Eaton manor.
* leaf XXX or 41, back.

[852.] a conuencion I-made bi-twene þe abbot of Cicetur̃ & his couent & þe abbas & minchons of Godestowe of þe chapell̃ of Etoñ.

About 1195.

THE sentence of þis conuencion is, þ*at* þe abbot of Cicetur
32 & his couent, w*ith* oon assent, *gr*auntid̃ to þe chapell̃ of Eton,

Agreement, in terms of no. 851, between

[1] Read Clement III, pope 1187–91; see in the confirmation-bull (no. 902) of Celestine III, circ. 1192. The Latin has 'Clementis tertii.'

Godstow and Cirencester abbey, (*a*) as to services to be supplied by Eisey church in Eaton chapel; (*b*) as to Eaton churchyard; (*c*) as to Godstow's right to the lesser tithes of Eaton.

þe whiche is a chapell of þe churche of Eisi, þat hit sholde haue bi þe modur churche of Eisi all seruices þat hit was wonid to haue: euiri soneday, & euiri holiday, & in euiri woke thre daijs (þat is to sei, moneday, wodenysday & freday) & 4 thorowe all þe lente, continuel seruice, with þe ours of þe day in lente & in ferial[1] daijs to be seide. Thei grauntid also þat men of Eton sholde be biried in the churcheyerde of þe chapel of Eton euirmore bi þe chapeleyne of Eisi, sauinge þe riht þat 8 hit was wonid to haue in the fore-seide chapell, sauinge also þe bisshopis riht & customs. Thei grauntid also to þe abbas & couent of Godestowe þat hit sholde be lefull to hem to reteine to hem-selfe þe tithis of norisshinges of bestes of her owne 12 lordeshipis, of nouall tithis, fisshinges, & frutes of treis, as hit was gyfe to hem in þe priuileges of pope clement þe iij. and of pope celestine þe iij. Thei promittid also bi her trwthe þat þei wolde neuer gete noþer vse I-gote ony thynge þat 16 sholde cause þis couenaunt to be broke: & þat þis couenaunt sholde a-bide sur & stedefaste, þei strengthid hit with her seele: & is with-oute date.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 190, back. 1222?

[853. * Agreement between Godstow and Thomas of Sanford, as to exemption of Eaton manor from suit to his hundred-court.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Thomas of Sanford, exempting Eaton from suit to the hundred of Staple, in consideration of £4 13*s.* 4*d.*

THOMAS of Sanford quit-claimed, for himself and his heirs, to 20 Godstow, all suits of their manor of Eaton to his hundred of la Stapele. In return Godstow, at the charge of the convent, is to withdraw an action raised by it in the king's court. A penalty of 20 marcs is agreed upon, to be paid by him or his 24 heirs, if he or they withdraw from this bargain; and he or they must also refund the 7 marcs which Godstow has paid him for it. Witnesses: John de Lupello; Stephen of Harehull.] 28

* leaf XXIX or 40. 1222.

[854.] * a final concorde of þe sute of þe hundred of Thomas of Stapulton[2].

Draft quit-claim

THE sentence of þis writinge is, þat þer was a concorde I-made in þe kinges cowrt at westminster fro þe day of seint

[1] i. e. week-days.

[2] The Latin copy has 'Stapelton' in the rubric, but in the text 'Thomas de Saunford,' 'Thomas de Stapel.'

Mihel in-to j. moneth, þe yer̃ of kinge henry þe sone of kinge Iohn[1], a-fore Thom*as* of milette[2], william of Rale[2], Robert of lexinton, william of yorke, Mayst*er* Robert [of] Sharde[2], & Raph of Northewiche, Iusticis, & oþ*er* trewe men of þe king*es* þ*ere* beinge p*re*sente, bi-twene Thomas of Stapulto*n*, plain*er*, & an-felice of Godestowe, defender, bi Reinolde [le] port*er* in her stede to gete or to lese, of þe seut*es*, þe whiche þe same Thomas axid of þe same abbas to þe hundred̃ of þe same Thomas of Stapulton, of þe man*er* of þe same abbas of Eton, þe which seut*es* þe same Abbas knowlich notte hem & of þ*at* same þ*at* hit was pleid̃ bi-twene hem in þe fore-seide courte. þe fore-seid̃ Thomas remittid̃ & quite-claimid̃, of him-self & of his heiris, as muche as longid̃ to hem, to þe fore-seid̃ abbas & to oþ*er* abbassis succedinge her̃ & to her̃ churche of Godestowe, þe fore-seide seut*es*, so þ*at* afturwarde forþe þe seide abbasses sholde be quiete of all̃ man*er* seut*es* longynge to þe fore-seide hundred̃ for euir: &, for þis quite remittinge claime fine & concorde, þe fore-seide abbas remittid̃ & quite-claimid̃, of her̃ & of oþ*er* abbasses succedinge to her̃, to Thomas & to his heiris, all̃ þe harmis þ*at* she seid̃ þ*at* she had̃ bi þe fore-seide occasion: & þe seide abbas receiuid̃ þe seide Thomas & all̃ his heiris in alle benefet*es* & p*ra*yours þ*at* sholde aftur þ*at* time in her̃ churche of Godestowe be don for euir.

to Godstow, by Thomas de Saunford of Stapel, exempting Eaton manor from suit to the court of his hundred,

in consideration of a place in Godstow prayers.

[855.] * Chartur for tithis of hei & millis ageiniste þe p*er*son of Eisi.

* leaf XXIX or 40, back. 1236. Commissioners appointed by pope Gregory IX,

THE sentence of this euidence is, þ*at*, bi pope gregori, was a maundement made to þe prioris of Newneham[3] & of Caldewell̃ & to þe dene of bedeforde of lincol*n* dioc*ese*, vppon the bisshop of seint dauid̃, abbas & Couente of Godestowe, & oþ*er* of lincoln*e* seint Dauid̃ & of Salisburi diocesis, for wronges þ*at* were done to þe p*er*son of þe churche of eisy, for certeyn tithis & possessions & oþ*er* thing*es*. For this þe pope co*m*maundid̃ to her̃ discrecion, bi his writinges, þ*at* þei sholde calle þe p*ar*tes to-gedur & her̃ her̃ causes, appellacion put a-side, & so to make

[Formula of a papal

[1] The Latin copy has after *Johannis* an obscurely written word like *soytod*. It is probably *sexto*, i. e. 1222. The names of the justiciaries agree with that date.

[2] In the Latin: Thomas of Milet. (i. e. Muleton), William of Ral. (i. e. Raleigh), Robert of Shard. (i. e. Shardelow).

[3] Newenham in Goldington parish, Bedfordshire.

commission.] an ende; & þat þat þei ordeinid', to be kepid' bi þe autorite of þe pope; the witnes þat sholde be namyd', yf thei with-drawe hem-selfe for fauor or hatered' or drede, þat thei sholde constreine hem bi þe censures of þe churche to sei þe trowþe, the appel- 4 lacion sette a-syde; & þat, if aꝫ miht not be þere, [þ]at tweyne of hem at leste sholde do execucion: the date at peruse, þe xvj. kalend' of auguste þe ix. yer of his popehode. At þe laste, in þe church of seint poule of bedford', þe abbas & couent ofte timis 8 I-citid', þe tiwisday next aftur seint Matheu þe apostil þei apperid' a-fore vs in Iugement, bi william, chapleine, her procurator sufficientli ordeinid' in Iugement; Master Nicholas, actor, person of Eysy proposinge his entent, þat is to sei, þat 12 where he proposid & axid', bi þe autorite of þe pope, of þe same abbas & couent, þe tithis of hei & of millis of þe demaine of þe seide abbas & couent in Eton longynge to his churche of Eysy, bi the commune lawe. Aftur mony altercacions bi-twene hem, 16 þe strife cesid' vndur þis forme: þat is to sei, þat þe seide abbas & couent graunti d' to þe seide churche of Eysy iij. acris of mede in fordemede bi-side hidemede, for þe goodenes of peece & cause of stryfis to be made lesse & cesid, in Eton of 20 þe demayne of þe seide abbas & couent for euir: & furþermore þei graunti d' to þe fore-seide church of Esy for euir iij. quarters of commune corne yerli, þat is to sei, euin as hit comith to the mille, with-oute ony gyle or deceite yerli to be take at thre 24 termis of þe yere, þat is to sei, at candelmas, on quarter at þe seide mille of Eton; & j. quarter, at midsomur; & at Mihelmas, j. quarter. Boþe parteis, bi her feyþe & trowthe, assinid in her presence þis composicion truli to be kepid' & wiþe-oute 28 deceit; & þei þat wer iugges, bi þe autorite þat þei had', with þe consent of þe parties, confirmid' þe same, reseruinge to hem Iurisdiccion to constreine þat parte þat wolde not kepe hit. In-to witnes of þe which þynge, þei put to her seeles, with 32 þe selis of þe parteis also: & is with-oute date.

Perugia, 1236, July 9,

[Matthew, Sept. 21.]

to decide in suit by Eisey church for tithes of hay and mills of Eaton manor,

assign to Eisey, in lieu of such tithes, 3 acres of meadow and 3 quarters of corn yearly [what 'common corn' is.]

[Note.—That wheat sent 'to the mill' was expected to be of a recognized standard of purity is confirmed by a curious tradition which survives in Essex from the times before agricultural machines. Elderly men tell me that, in their boyhood, the wheat-crops were much infested by darnel (*lolium temulentum*). When the wheat was thrashed, each sheaf, before it was passed to the thresher, was taken in hand by a boy, who pulled out the darnel-heads. If this was not done, the miller either refused to buy the wheat, or gave a very small price for it.]

[856.] * Chartur of þe tithe of þe hey of Eton.

* leaf XXIX or 40. 1296, May 3.

Agreement by Roger of Writell, perhaps tenant of Eaton manor, to pay the vicar of Eisey yearly 10*s*., [Lammas, Aug. 1.] during his tenancy, in lieu of tithes of hay.

THE sentence of þis euidence is, þ*a*t, in þe yer of our lorde M° CC lxxxxvj°, at Estur, hit was a-cordid bi-twene Mastur william Brachell, p*er*son of þe churche of Eisi of þe on p*a*rte, & Rog*er* of writell of þe oþ*er* p*a*rte, þ*a*t syth þ*a*t þe[1] maystur william a-fore-seide had drawe þe same Rog*er* in-to plee in cristin courte, in axinge of þe same Rog*er* tithis of hei of þe man*er* of Eton Minchons oþ*er*-wise þen he was wonid to haue: þe same Rog*er* grauntid, to þe fore-seid maistur william, euiry yer*e* to pay x. s*hillings* of silu*er* at þe feste of seint petur þ*a*t is ad vincula or lambemas, while þ*a*t he had þe lorde-shipe of þe man*er* of Eton; & þe seide Maistur william grauntid to þe same Rog*er* to cese fro all axinge of hei of þe seide Man*er* of Eton, bi the name of tithis as longe time as he had possession of þe lordshippe; & þe fore-seide Rog*er*, for þis peticion to be relesid, paid to þe seide William[2] x. s*hillings* of silu*er* for þe yer þ*a*t was a-passid. In-to witnes of this same her seelis wer putt to þis writinge, euirich a-geiniste oþ*er*: þe date at Eton Minchons, in feste of þe inuencion of the cros, the yere a-fore-seide.

[Invention of the Cross = May 3.]

[857.] * Chartur of kynge Edwarde of Mereheued at Etoñ.

* leaf XXX or 41, back. 130⅞, Febr. 12.

A Wiltshire jury having presented Godstow, at the assises, for stopping a branch of Thames, thereby damaging queen Margaret's lands at

THE sentence of þis euidence is, þ*a*t kynge Edwarde sawe þe tenour of recorde & p*r*ocesse of a p*r*esentment a-fore hys welbelouid & trewe men, Iohn of lee & his felowis Iustic*es*, I-assinid to here & to ende diu*er*se transgressions harmis greuis & excessis in wilton sher þ*a*t wer do þ*a*t time, vppon þe abbas of Godestowe, þe which he made to come bifore him in his chauncellarie; wiltesir s*essions*: p*r*a*esentatum* e*st* p*er*[3] xij. þ*a*t abbas of Godestowe, bi xij. yer a-passid, in þe time of þe kinge, stoppid a course of watur in temyse I-callid Morheued w*ith*-in the liberteis of þe quene of lactoñ & turned þe cowrse of watur to þe noiinge of þe foreseid quene & of all þe cuntre & *cetera*: and hit was co*m*maundid to þe shreue þ*a*t he shold make come

[1] 'þe' is marked for deletion.
[2] 'Roger,' in error in MS.
[3] i. e. 'per duodecim bonos et legales homines.'

Latton, Edward I ordered the sheriff of Wiltshire to have the case tried.

Godstow denied the charge,

[Lucy = Dec. 13.] and before the jury of Latton

proved the existence of old stepping-stones,

* leaf XXXI or 42.

and the case was dropped.

þe foreseide abbas, a-fore Iohn at lee & his felowis, Iustic*es* & c*etera*, at hegworth, þe wodeinsday aftur þe feste of seint Mathew þe apostle, to answere þe kinge & *cetera*: and þe abbas, bi Iohn Mondi heꝯ attornei, come þen & seide þ*at* þe abbas was lady of þe man*er* of westeton [1], þe whiche man*er* she helde as of þe riht of heꝯ abbei, þe whiche man*er* is w*ith*-in þe lordeshipe of þe quene; fro [2] þ*at*, þ*at* she leuied or causid ony noiinge or turnid ony course of watur as hit was p*re*sentid afore, & þ*at* she is a-redi to verifie. I*deo* p*receptum est* vicecom*iti* þ*at* he sholde make he [3] come bifore þe seide Iustic*es* at Marleborowe, þe moneday next aft*ur* þe feste of seint lucie v*ir*gin, de [4] visu de lactoñ & c*etera* xij. & c*etera*, p*er* quos & c*etera*, to þe recognicion in forme a-fore-seide. At þe whiche day þe fore-seide abbas come bi heꝯ attornei, & Iuriors [5] also, þe whiche seide vppon heꝯ othe þ*at* þe foreseide abbas helde þe man*er* a-fore-seide as of þe fundacion of heꝯ churche; also þei seide þ*at* þ*er* weꝯ of olde time certen stonis [placed [6] at the Mereheued, and with iron and lead] Ioinid to-gedur to þe ese & p*r*ofite of þe * pepul goinge or hauinge her*e* [7] londis & mede, & þ*at* noþ*er* þe fore-seide abbas ne none of heꝯ p*re*decessours did no noiinge þ*er*e noþ*er* w*ith*-in þe man*er* a-fore-seide noþir turnid þe course of þe watur as hit was supposid. þerefore þe fore-seide abbas may go fro þe courte dailes [8], sauinge þe kingis riht. And þe Iustic*es*, at þe requisicion of þe fore-seide abbas, made þe tenour*e* of þe recorde & p*r*ocesse a-fore-seid to be exemplified bi þese p*re*sente writing*es*. In-to witnes of þe whiche þe kinge made his lett*er*s patent*es*, him-selfe beinge witnes at westminst*er*, þe xij. day of feuerel [9], þe xxxv yer*e* of his reine.

[1] The Godstow manor is variously called Water-eaton, West-eton, Nuns-eton, Eton-mynchons, to distinguish it from the adjacent Castle-eaton.

[2] In the Latin 'Absque hoc': i. e. she dissented from the presentment, viz. that she had caused.

[3] Read 'hem' or, better, omit.

[4] i. e. 12 good men of the Latton view-of-frankpledge, to act as sworn jury.

[5] i. e. attended. The Latin is 'et iurati similiter.'

[6] Added from the Latin. It goes on 'these stones were to the advantage of all passing there or having lands and meadows there, and that neither the abbess nor any of her predecessors caused any nuisance there.'

[7] Read 'þere.'

[8] i. e. 'day-less': in Latin 'sine die,' the formula used when no further proceedings were to be taken.

[9] Read 'feuerer.'

YORKSHIRE

[York.]

[858.] * A Charter of Helye fitz Robert for all his right that he had in all his londes in yorke, & *cetera*. * leaf 151, back.

The sentence of his charter is, that Helie fitz Robert graunted, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, into pure and perpetuel almesse, for the helth 4 of his soule and of his auncetours, all the right that they had at york, in all the londes in litelgate, the which lieth bitwene thirosegail and the lond of henry Bustard, the which they had of the yifte of theire bretherne Roger and Thomas, frely and 8 quyetly fro all seculer seruyce and exaccion except the seruyce of the chief lord, that is to sey, ij. *shillings* by the yere for all seruyce, and except j. lj. of comyn the which were I-woned to pay the mynchons afore-named to hym and to his heires 12 for all seruyce at Cristmasse, after the tenour of the charter that they had of Thomas his brother. And his brother warantized þise aforsaid londes to the forsaid mynchons, after the charter of Thomas his brother afore-named. These beyng witnesse, 16 & *cetera* [1].

Confirmation to Godstow, by Elias, son of Robert, of lands in Littlegate, given by his brother Thomas.

[1] No other trace of this property has been found.

PLACES UNIDENTIFIED WHEN THE MS. WAS FIRST SENT TO PRESS

[Piddle Athelampston, Dorsetshire]

*** Exchequer MS. leaf ii, back. About 1145.**

Grant to Godstow, by Muriel de Bohun, of a rent-charge, to found an obit.

[859. * Charter for 20*s.* rent in Adelinkton.

Muriella de Boun gave 20*s.* rent in Adelinkton, viz. in Dereseth, which William son of Bricher used to pay to her, to be paid to the kitchen on her anniversary.

Witnesses: Herbert, chaplain and keeper of Godstow; 4 James, steward of Godstow; Magister Rogerus Glovernia.]

[Note.—Identification supplied by Rev. H. E. Salter. In 1200 the bishop of Salisbury held, as two knights' fees, five small manors, viz. Prinnesley, Piddle Athelampston, and three others. At an earlier date Muriella de Bohun, wife of Ralph de Bruere, occurs as giving away land in Prinnesley (Hutchins's *History of Dorset*, iv. 298.]

[Baldon and Broad-enstone, Oxfordshire]

***Exchequer MS. leaf 183. 1234, Nov. 29.**

Grant to Godstow, by Thurstan Despencer, of a rent-charge, to endow an obit on Sept. 9 for his son Amalric.

[860. * Charter of Thurstan, dispensator of the king of England.

Thurstan Despencer, with the consent of his wife Lucy, gave to Godstow 5*s.* of yearly rent for the soul of Amauri his son, viz. 3*s.* to be taken of his men of Bradenston and 8 his fee in that vill with the homages, and 2*s.* in Baldindon from Andrew of the chequer, to provide a pittance on the morrow of the Nativity of the Virgin, i. e. on the anniversary of Aumari his son. 12

Witnesses: Ralph Despencer, parson; Adam Despencer, knight; Absalom and Bernard, chaplains; Gilebert of Biham; Reoland Bluet. Eve of St. Andrew, 1234: at Godstow.]

[Note.—Rev. H. E. Salter identifies both places for me. Baldindon is Baldon, Oxfordshire, where the Despencers had a manor of six hides. Broad-enstone is a hamlet, in Enstone parish, Oxfordshire, which was held, by the Despencers, of the Abbot of Winchcombe.]

[Combe Mylle.]

[Note.—The mention of the bishop of Lincoln suggests that this place was in that diocese, and it has been therefore assumed to be Combe Longa by Woodstock in Oxfordshire. The witnesses (Exchequer MS. leaf 183, back) supply no clue to the locality, being Hugh, chaplain; Ralf of Monemut. (i.e. Monmouth: Canon of Lincoln, circ. 1150–80); Sayer of Quincey; Fulk Trussell, &c. The date is also fixed by the absence of the property from pope Eugenius III's confirmation, 1145, and from Henry II's first confirmation, 1156, and its presence in Henry II's second confirmation (no. 879), 1165. Against the identification with Combe Longa is the fact that the manor of Combe Longa was in the King's hands from 1154 onwards; so that its miller, in making his grant, would have appealed to the King, his overlord, not to the bishop. The extant accounts of the manor (in Public Records Office) are not early enough to help us. Rev. S. Spencer Pearce, Vicar of Combe, tells me that there is no mention of the mill in the accounts 1243–99, but in those of 1304–11 it is plainly in the King's own hands.]

[861.] * A Charter of Norbert for the mylle of Combe I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe. * leaf 149. About 1160.

The sentence of this Charter is, that Norbert willed to be know to the Robert Bisshop of lyncolne fadirhode and to all trew cristen peple of the chirche, that he, for the helthe of his
4 sowle, yaf and graunted into perpetuell almesse, to god and to the chirche of oure lady of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons there seruyng god, his mylle of Combe with all that longith therto. Wherfor he besily praied his hyghnesse that he
8 wold maynteyn and defende the same holy mynchons, for the love of god, in the same almesse. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Norbert, donor of the mill to Godstow, asks the bishop of Lincoln, Robert (de Chesney), bishop 1147–68), to effect his purpose.

[Horseford, in Norfolk.]

[Note.—Among the witnesses are Walter and Jordan, chaplains, and Walter Maleth. Herring were cured at the fishing-port. Oseney, e.g., Rev. H. E. Salter tells me, had tenements at Dunwich and at Yarmouth for the supply of herrings. Margaret, wife of Hugh de Cressi, in 1175 inherited Horseford manor from her father William de Chesney. It had belonged to the family since 1086 (Blomefield's *History of Norfolk*, x. 433).]

[862.] * A Charter of Margery Cressy, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for v. cartlode of wode of aldur of her wode I-called horforde, xv. dayes after myghelmasse yerely to be take, to dry ther heryng. * leaf 149, back. About 1180.

The sentence of this charter is, that Margery Cressy, in her fre wedowhode, for goddis sake and for the helth of her

Grant to Godstow,

by Margery Cressy, widow, of wood at Michaelmas to dry their herring.

sowle and of the sowles of her fadir and modir and of her aunceturs and successours, graunted, & *cetera*, into pure and *per*petuel almesse, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther *ser*uyng god, v. cartlode of wode of Aldur[1] in her wode I-called horford to be take by yere, that is to sey, xv. dayes aft*er* myghelmasse, to drye there heryng[2]. And that this her graunte, & *cetera*.

[Humesworth or Hinnesworth.]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 185, back. About 1160?

[863. * Charter of Peter of Brumelingham for the mill of Humesworth.

Grant to Godstow, [Nun's dower.] by Peter of Brumelingham of a mill and a rent-charge.

Peter and his wife Felicia, gave, with their daughter to be a nun, their mill of Humesworth[3] and 2*s*. of rent at Hespes.

Witnesses:—Wacheline, abbot of Abingdon; Nicholas, monk of Evesham; Magister Roger and his nephew Simon; and the donor's sons William and Hugh.]

[Petham, in Kent.]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 184, back. About 1190.

[864. * Charter of Alan de Leia for 5 acres in perpetual alms.

[Nun's dower.] Grant to Godstow, by Alan of Leigh, of five acres in Petham, in exchange for a rent-charge.

Alan of Leigh lets all men, French and English, know, that with his daughter Amphelisia to be a nun, he has given to Godstow, with consent of his son and heir Roger, five acres which lie above the house of the parson of St. Peter of Farningeham on the east, which acres belonged to the mill of Farningeham, and which Godfrey son of Godwin of the bridge held of him in exchange for that half-marc of rent[4] which Richard of Grai used to pay to the nuns in the tenure of Putham,

[1] 'de alno in bosco meo de Horsford' in the Latin.

[2] 'ad suum allec siccandum': herring being then in the midst of their season. The nuns probably bought a considerable quantity to dry for winter use. Herrings were brought up the Thames in barges, and, during Lent, Abingdon Abbey claimed toll of each barge so laden (Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 427).

[3] Writing indistinct: possibly 'Hinnesworth.' See Highworth mill, in no. 886 § 59.

[4] This rent-charge, given by Alan of Leigh, is found in Henry II's third charter (no. 886), 1182.

as he has held the land, or as his lord William of Einesford held it who gave that land to him with his sister Maud in free marriage (in libero matrimonio).

4 Witnesses:—William, dean of Wortun (? Horton); Elias, cleric of Einesford; Thomas, nephew of Agnes the abbess: at Einesford.]

[NOTE.—Rev. H. E. Salter happily identifies these places. Horton-Kirby, Farningham (church dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul), and Eynsford are adjacent parishes, south of Dartford in Kent. Petham is a small manor in Farningham parish (Hasted's *History of Kent*, i. 300).]

[VLEBERNE.]

[865. * Grant of the advowson of the church with all its pertinents.

***Exchequer MS. leaf 153. 1234, Nov. 29.**

Grant to Godstow, by Thurstan Despencer, of the advowson of Vleberne, to found two obits.

THURSTAN, dispensator domini regis Anglie, with the wish of
8 his mother Alde Bluet and of his wife Lucy, granted to Godstow the jus patronatus of the church of Vleberne[1], as soon as a vacancy occurs, the fruits to go to the kitchen of the convent on the morrow (Sept. 9) of the Nativity of Mary, to keep the
12 anniversary of Ammaurice his son (who is buried at Godstow); if Godstow procures the appropriation of the church, one half is to be applied for his son's anniversary (as before), and the other half is to go to the kitchen on St. Valentine's day
16 (Feb. 14), to keep the anniversary of Ammaurice[2] his father. Dated 1234, vigil of St. Andrew.

Witnesses:—Ralph Despencer, parson; Adam Despencer, knight; Gilebert of Biam; Reoland Bluet.]

[1] Ewelme, Oxfordshire, is the only Despencer advowson in the *Testa*, 1240, which is at all like Vleberne (or Uleberne). The witness Ralph Despencer was rector of Ewelme.

[2] Almaric Despencer, flor. temp. Ric. I.

GENERAL CHARTERS

[GENERAL CHARTERS:—1. By the bishop of Lincoln (the diocesan).]

*leaf IIII or 16. 113$\frac{8}{9}$.

[866.] ***A pryuylege I-grauntid by þe bysshope of lincolne[1] to the churche of Godestowe for certeyn fredams & not to be visit.**

Grant to Godstow, by Alexander, bishop of Lincoln,

THE sentence of thys dede is, that, in the dedicacion of the churche of Godstowe, Alexand*er*, bysshoppe of lincoln*e*, in the p*re*sence of Stephyn Kynge of ynglonde & Malde quene, & a-fore Bysshopys & Abbotys, Dukys & Baronys, Clergye & also the Layfe that wher there, grauntyd to the same churche of Godstowe a liberte or fredam that sueth, I-wrete & confermyd by autorite of hym that was bisshop, walt*er* archedecun of Oxenford beynge welwyllyd & praynge, the whiche that tyme had the offyce of archedecunrye of the same cuntre:—that is to sey, that the forseyd churche be free & vtt*ur*ly restyd fro all exaccion or grevaunce of the archydiacon, as in hospitalites[2] to be kepyd, or chapeleyns to be callyd in plee, or in othyr mynstyrsse[3] of the same to be browht in-to plee: Also that the seyd churche haue oyle, creyme or c*ri*sme, and holy oyle, Also oyle of seke folke[4], w*ith*-out payment: The abbas also may sett her chapellayns so that, yf she wylle, they go not to seynys[5] or to chapit*er*s, nothyr that they answere the archedecun ne deene ne othyr minist*er*s of hem but by her free wylle; &, if they wylle do frowardely, the Abbas may calle the prestys next whyche she lykyth to her owne churche, by whoos dome she may correcte hem or put hem awey: The Abbas also to haue cure & charge of her Mynchyns & correccion, w*ith*-out[6] citacion

with assent of Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, of exemption from entertaining the archdeacon on his visitation tour; of free hallowing of chrism and oil for extreme unction; of power to withdraw their chaplains from the jurisdiction of archdeacon and rural dean, and dismiss them of their own authority; of subjection of the nuns to the sole authority of the

[1] 'Walter, archdeacon of Oxenforde' followed, but is partially erased: see next paragraph.

[2] '¶ the fredom þat we have of þe bisshop,' in margin.

[3] *Sic.*

[4] Latin is: 'oleum quoque, crisma et oleum sanctum et oleum infirmorum.'

[5] Latin is: 'ad sinodos.'

[6] '¶ marke welle þys poynt': marginal note.

of the bysshop or archedecun: And, whenne that the Abbas is dede, that the Mynchyns chese a-nother of the same couent, as god inspirith hem, so that none Mynchyn of an-othyr churche
4 be set vppe to be abbas a-yenst her wyth. If ony man wyllyth to be a defowler or destruer of thys liberte, be he a-cursyd & departyd fro god vn-to the day of iuggement or dome. Of thys be wytnes Robert, bisshop of Exetur, oper bisshops,
8 Abbotes, erlys & oper pepul spiritual & temporal: & is with-out date.

abbess; of free election by the nuns at each vacancy of the abbessship. Anathema against infringers of this grant.

[Note.—In the Exchequer MS. the witnesses are given: viz. Robert (Chichester), bishop of Exeter (1138–55); Robert, bishop of Bath (1135–66); Roger, bishop of Salisbury (died Dec. 4, 1139); Algar, bishop of Coutances; Simon, bishop of Worcester (1125–50); Walter, archdeacon of Oxford; Reginald, abbot of Evesham; Walter, abbot of Egenesham (Einsham); Robert (de Bellomont), earl of Leicester (1118–68); Milo of Gloucester, constable; Robert of Olley; John of St. John; Engelram of Sai.]

[867.] * A chartur of fredams I-grauntyd by watur, archedecun of Oxenforde.

* leaf IIII or 16, back. A.D. 113⅜.

Thys sentence is that Walter, archedecun of Oxenford, grauntyd to the chyrche of Godstowe, & to the Mynchyns there
12 seruynge god, all fredam & liberte, aftur the same forme (word by word) as it is wrytyn in the graunt of Alisaunder bysshop of lincolne next a-fore thys.

Grant to Godstow, by Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, of immunities, as in no. 866.

[868.] * A confirmacion of watur bysshop of lincolne of our liberteis.

* leaf V or 17, back. A.D. 1183.

The sentence of thys confirmacion is that Walter, Bysshop of
16 lincolne, wyllyth to be knowe to all cristyn pepul that he for the loue of god hathe grauntyd to the churche of oure lady seynt Marie of Godstowe, & to the Mynchons there seruynge god, C. *shillings* in the tolbowthe of Banbury yerly to be payd,
20 & I-grauntyd by-fore of Alisaunder, bysshop, oure predecessor.

He grauntyd also the fredam I-grauntyd of the same alisaunder to the same churche, & confermyd with hys chartur, with the forseyd C. *shillings*:—that is to say, that the forseyde
24 churche be fre & vtterly quietyd fro all exaccion of archedecun, or greuynge, as in herberynges to be askyd, or chapleynys to

Confirmation to Godstow, by Walter de Constantiis, bishop of Lincoln (1183–84), of bishop Alexander's gift (no. 285), and of the immunities conferred by the same (no. 866).

be browht in-to plee, or other mynystyrs of the same church to be ledde in-to plee. Oyle, creyme & holy oyle & oyle of seke folke, he grauntyd the same church for to haue *with*-out ony exaccion; the Abbas of the place may set her chapleyns so that, if she wyll, they shulle not go to seynys or to chapet*urs*, nother answere, but they wyll hem-self, to the archedecun, ne to the dene, ne to none of her ministirs. And yf her chapleynys do frowardly a-geynyst thys liberte, the Abbas may calle the prestis next dwellynge, whyche she lustythe, & by her iuggement she may correcte hem, other put hem a-wey. By thys confirmacion she hathe also cure & correccion of her mynchons, *with*-out citacion of bysshop or archedecun. Aftur the Abbas dethe, the mynchons may chese another of the couent of the same churche, as god inspiryth them, so that none of non other churche a-geynyst her wylle be set a-bove hem to be Abbas.

[= rural dean.]

Anathema against violators.

Who-so-euyr be destryer or defoyler of thys fredam, he gafe hym goddys curs & hys, but he left & dud dew satisfaccion; & that hys graunt shold not by ony shrewdnes be destroyde, he confirmyd hyt *with* hys seele, thes beynge wytnes, & *cetera*: and is *with*-oute date.

* leaf IIII or 16, back. About 1190.

[869.] * A confirmacion by hug*h*, bysshop of lincoln*e*, of all our churchys.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Hugh of Avalon, bishop of Lincoln (1186–1200), of bishop Alexander's gift (no. 285), and of the rectories of Wycombe (no. 87), Bloxham (no. 306), St. Giles', Oxford (no. 571),

THE sentence of thys dede is, that Hugh, Bysshop of lincoln*e*, confermyd to the religius hows of our lady seynt mary & seynt Iohn̄ baptiste of Godstowe, & to the Mynchyns ther seruynge god, to[1] her sustenaunce in p*er*petuall vse, benefett*es*, to be in tyme comynge, the whyche hathe be grauntyd thorow largenes of trew cristin men & pepul. The namys of tho benefett*es* we[2] here folowynge shal shewe:—that is to sey, an C. *shillings* yerly, of the gyft of alisaunder bysshop of lincolne, to be receyuyd in the tolle-bowthe of the market of banbury; of the gyft of kynge henry the sone of Maldthe emperice, the churchys of Wycombe, & of Bloxh*am*, *with* al ther purtenancys; of the gyft of Aylwyne the sone of Godgose, the churche of sey*n*t Gile that standyth *with*-out Oxenford, *with* all hys purtenaunces;

[1] In the Latin: 'ad sustentationem earum, perpetuis usibus profutura, beneficia fidelium Christi largitate concessa.'

[2] Lapse into first person of the Latin.

Of the gyft of agnes, the dowht*er* of pagane the sone of Iohn̄, the churche of Dungtune, w*ith* all̄ hys purtenaunces; of the gyft of Symond̄ of wahylle, halfe of the churche of pateshyl, 4 w*ith* all̄ hys purtenaunces: That these benefettys, resonably I-grauntyd & yefe to the forseyd Mynchyns, to be turnyd to her̄ vses, & to be seruid w*ith* her̄ chapleyns, be ratified & confermyd by that autorite that he was bysshop. Also he grauntyd̄ to the 8 forseyd seruant*es* of crist that they sholde be free & quiete fro all̄ exaccions, custome, & gref, sauynge the bysshop's ryht & the dignite of the churche of lincoln. And for to make it ferme & stedfast, he put to thys confyrmacion hys seele. 12 These beynge wytnesses whoos names byn shewyd in the confirmacion: & is w*ith*-out date.

Dinton (no. 52), and the moiety of Pattishall church (in no. 4), all in the diocese of Lincoln, with leave to serve them by chaplains, and immunity from charges.

[870.] * A confirmacion of william, bysshop of lincoln*e*, of þ^e^ toll̄ in banb*ur*y w*ith* oþ*er* þyng*es*.

* leaf V or 17. About 1205.

Confirmation to Godstow, by William de Blois (bishop of Lincoln, 1203–6), as in no. 869.

The sentence of thys confirmacion is that William, bysshop of lincoln*e*, wyllinge to gyfe fauor to the ryhtful desyrys of the 16 religius pepul the Abbas of Godstowe & of hyr mynchons, hathe wyllyd̄ to be knowe a-mo*n*ge all̄ folke, that he hathe ratified̄ & confermyd̄ to the hows of our̄ lady seynt mary & seynt Iohn̄ Baptist of Godstowe, & to the seruauntys of crist there dwel- 20 lynge, to her̄ p*er*petual vses, benefetys, to a-byde, & to p*ro*fite, that haue be g*ra*untyd̄ thorow the largenes of trewe cristyn men, the whych we wylle & deme by her̄ owne namys to be ex- p*re*ssyd & shewyd̄:—that is to say, of the gyft of that goode 24 man Alisaunder bysshop of lincoln*e*, C. s*hillings* yerly to be payd̄ in the tolle-bow*the of Banbury; of the gyft of henry, the sone of molde the emp*er*ice, the churches of wycombe, & of Bloxh*a*m, w*ith* all̄ her̄ p*er*tinenc*es*; of the gyft of aylwyne, the 28 sone of Godgose, the churche of seynt Gylys, the whyche is set w*ith*-out Oxenford̄, w*ith* all̄ hys p*er*tinenc*es* longynge to the same churche; of the gyft of agnes, the dowht*er* of pagane the sone of Iohn̄, the churche of dunny*n*gton, w*ith* all̄ hys 32 p*er*tinenc*es*; of the gyft of the sone of william, the halfe of the churche of pattyshul, w*ith* all̄ hys p*er*tenences. The fore-seyde benefic*es*, euyn like as they byn resonably gyf to the same Mynchons a-fore-seyd̄, to be turnyd̄ fullych in-to her̄ owne vses,

* leaf V or 17, back.

& to be seruid *with* her owne chaplaynys, the fore-seyd bysshop william hathe ratified & confermyd. Furthermore he hathe [granted] to the fore-seyd seruau*n*t[s] of crist for to be free & quiete fro all exaccion, custom, & grefe, sauynge the bisshop's 4 ryht, & the dignite of the churche of lincolne. And, for that it shulde be sure & ferme, he confermyd hit *with* hys wrytynge & seele: Thes beynge wytnes, as hyt is shewyd in the confermacion ther-of. 8

* leaf IIII or 16, back. A.D. 1221.

[871.] * An ordynaunce I-made by hugh bysshop of lincoln*e* of our churchys, wycombe, bloxh*a*m, & seynt Gylys.

Ordinance by Hugh of Wells, bishop of Lincoln (1209–34), by authority of the Lateran Council (1215), of vicars in the churches of Wycombe, Bloxham, and * leaf V or 17. St. Giles', Oxford. In Wycombe, the vicar is to have a lodging, half of the ordinary offerings, and most of the small tithe. [fuller's teasel.]

THE sentence of thys dede is that Hugh, Busshop of lincolne, ordeynyd, by the autorite of the councel, in the churchys of Wycombe, Bloxh*a*m, & of seynt Gylys *with*-out Oxenford, admittid, & set in hem so ordeynyd, perpetual vicarys at 12 the p*re*sentacion of the wellouyd dowhtyrs in crist the Abbas of Godstowe[1] & of hyr Mynchyns. The forseyd vicaragys byn sette & ordeynyd in thys maner:—that is to say,

that the perpetual vicar of wycombe shall haue, in the 16 name of hys vicary, a dwellynge-place assynyd to hym vppon the west syde of the hows of the Abbas of Godstowe; the half of all offerynges & vayles of the * auter, *with* all the tethe of chese & all the eggys comynge forth to the churche in the 20 vigil of hestur[2], & all tethes of gese & all the tethys of gardeynys & orchardys *with*-in [the borowe] (except and out-take the offrynge*s* & the vaylys of fowre days by the yere, that is to say, of Candylmes-day[3], Goodfryday, Hesturday[2], & Holy rode day 24 in heruyst[4]; & out-take all tethys of wolle, flex, lambys, pigge, & calues whenne a hole calfe comyth forth; & out-take all frute*s* of gardynys & of orchardys *with*-out the borowe, & all tethe of[5] tesyls that longyn to the office of fullers, bothe *with*-in the 28 towne, & also *with*-out the towne; out-take also all eggys comynge to the p*ro*fit of the seyd churche, saue vppon hestur[2] eve; & except alle offryng of candel thorowe the yere, save the

[1] '⊔ for þe vicar of Wycombe,' in margin.

[2] The 'h' is erased. There are also many instances of 'h' being erased in this way, in words which elsewhere begin with the erased letter.

[3] Purificatio B. V. M., 2 Febr.

[4] Exaltacio Crucis, 14 Sept.

[5] The Latin is: 'carduorum qui ad officium fullonum pertinent.'

candel that is browht forthe w*ith*[1] the holy love in the sonneday to the auter, The whyche, all a-boue except & out-take, shull longe & be hole to the Abbas & Mynchyns of Godstowe.

Godstow to have all other tithes and offerings.

4 Furthermore, the p*er*petual[2] vicar of the churche of Bloxh*am* shal haue, in the name of hys vicariage, all the auterage of that churche & of the chapel of Myddylcombe, except the tethys of wolle & of lambys of the modur-churche of Bloxh*am*; he shall 8 haue also the corn that is wonyd to be gyf I-thresshe to the seyd churche of Bloxh*am* & chapelle of Myddylcombe, the whyche is callyd cherset[3]; & he shall haue a place that is set by-twene the place that was of pagane Berforde & the place that was of 12 willia*m* Colman.

In Bloxham, the vicar is to have the offerings and most of the small tithes of Bloxham & Milcomb, 'church-scot,' and a lodging.

The p*er*petual vicar of seynt Gylys in Oxenford shall haue, in the name[4] of hys vicariage, half of all the auterage of that churche, w*ith* alle the tethys of gardynys, except wolle, & flex, 16 & lambys, & except candyl vppon candylmes day, the whyche the seyd mynchyns shul haue stylle. Furthermore, he shal haue a dwellynge-place, where the chapleyne of the churche was wonyd to dwelle, for the whyche the vicar shal pay to the same 20 churche vj. d. yerly.

In St. Giles', Oxford, the vicar is to have half the offerings, most of the small tithes, and a lodging.

In these thre vicariag*es* thys wyse ordeynyd, the forseyd mynchyns shul bere all burduns ordynarie dewe & wonyd of tho thre seyd churchys, out-take dewteys þ*at* longyn to the seyne, 24 the whyche the vicarys shul pay. Also all the vicaryes[5], al so sone as they byn admittyd to the forseyd churchys, they shul make to the mynchons a-fore-myndyd an othe to be trewe. Also the chapleynys, in case that the fore seyd vicarys take ony 28 vn-to theyre helpe for to do seruise in the forseyd churchys, shul swere also a-fore the vicaryes, & a-fore the procutur of the mynchons, the whyche the seyd mynchons wyllen to sende, that the for-seyd vicaryes & chapellaynys shul be trewe to the Myn-32 chons a-fore-rehersyd, al so longe as they a-bydyn there in the forseyde churchys seruynge, in tho thyng*es* that towchyn & be dewe to the Mynchons a-fore seyde, sauynge in all cases the bysshopys ryht & dewt*es*, & the dignite of the churche

These vicars, and their deputies, must take oath of loyalty to Godstow.

[1] 'praeter candelam que pervenit die dominica ad altare cum pane benedicendo.'

[2] '¶ for the vicar of bloxh*am*,' in margin.

[3] 'Cherecheset,' in the Latin copy.

[4] '¶ for þe vicar of seynt gylys,' in margin.

[5] '¶ & take heede for þe hoth of þe vicars & chapeleyns,' in margin = oath.

of lincolne. And in-to wytnes of thys he put to hys seal: & the date was the xij. yere of hys bysshopryche.

[GENERAL CHARTERS:—2. By the Sovereign.]

* leaf II or 14. A. D. 113⅝

[872.] *** The confirmacion of kynge Stephyn of all thynges byfore rehersyd.**

Confirmation by King Stephen, of no. 4, with full manorial rights.

THE sentence of thys chartur is, how Stephyn kynge yeuyth & confermithe to the seyd Mynchyns & her successours of God- 4 stowe all the yftys, landis & possessions, rentys, tenwrs, that byn rehersyd in the next dede a-fore, that begynnyth **Alexander,** in pure quiet fre & in perpetual almys from all seculer seruice[1] & customis, and her courtys to be holde with sok 8 & sake, tol & team, with infange & outfange * theyf, as worsheply & frely as eny chyrche in englond or bettur or freer may holde in all thynges.

* leaf II or 14, back.

[NOTE.—In the Exchequer MS., on a leaf of the table of contents, an annotator has noted, from 'William de Shareshulle' [C. J. K. B., 1350–7], that *socha* is 'secta curiae,' i. e. a lord's right to attendance of his tenants at his court and to try their causes in it; '*sacha*' is 'amerciamentum tenentium,' i. e. a lord's right to retain to his own use the fines imposed in his court; *toll* is 'taxatio[2] nativorum ad voluntatem Domini, Anglicè scuse vel yelde'; *team* is a lord's right to retain in serfdom the issue of his serfs; *infangethef* is a lord's right to take cognisance, at the suit of the injured party, of thefts committed within his demesne if the thief be taken within the demesne, *cum manuopere* (mainour or manour, i. e. the stolen goods) found in the thief's possession, but if the thief is not indicted within three days, both he and the mainour shall be handed over to the king's gaol. *Outfangethef* is not explained. Cowell's *Interpreter* (1607) makes it a 'priviledge, whereby a lord is inabled to call any man dwelling within his owne fee, and taken for felonie in any other place, and to judge him in his owne court.' In the valuation (Escheat 14 Edw. III. 67, no. 2), 10 April, 1340, of the Castle and Manor of Fotheringhay, Northts., note is made that the manor possessed 'Infangenthef et Outfangenthef,' but 'nichil valent per annum eo quod magis cadunt in onere quam in aliquo alio valore,' i. e. they are burdens, not sources of profit. Outfange-theyf is absent from most charters of Godstow; and its mention here, and on p. 658, is probably due to a clerical error. It was a power rarely conferred.]

* leaf III or 15. About 1142.

[873.] *** A chartur of the feyre of Godstowe, I-made by dame Molde the emperyse.**

Confirmation to Godstow,

THYS Chartur makyth mension how that the emperice Mald 12 hath graunt in perpetual almys that the Mynchyns of Godstowe

[1] '¶ Yowre fredomys in alle placis,' in margin.

[2] Otherwise explained in Oseney Register, no. 10.

mowe hold & haue her feyre there at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist & iij. days[1] aftur, commaundynge to haue[2] pese & rest to all men that woll com & goo for hem & all her mar-
4 chaunde*s*, and no dystrubylauns vnryhtfully vpon hem be made, in payne of forfetynge of x. lj.

by empress Maud, of the fair at Godstow on June 24 and two next days, with protection to traders.

[Note.—The Exchequer MS. shows that the charter was given at Oxford. The witnesses were [Nigel] bishop of Ely (1133–69), William [Fitzgilbert] chancellor (1142), and Robert (Consul), earl of Gloucester (1109–47). The date was probably the summer of 1142, before the siege of Oxford Castle by Stephen, Sept.–Dec. 1142.]

[874.] * A Chart*er* of Moolde the Emp*er*esse confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe lij. s*hillings* vj. d. in Shillyngworthe, & c*etera*.

* leaf 162. About 1143.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Moolde, the Emp*er*esse, willed to be know to henry her son*e*, and to the bisshop of lyn-
8 colne, Erles, and Barons, and to all her trew men, frenssh and Englissh, bothe at that tyme and in tyme to be, in Oxenfordeshire, that she, for the love of god and for the sowles of her fadir and modir and for her owne helth and of her children and
12 astate of the Reame of Englond, yaf, & c*etera*, to god & c*etera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe, into p*er*petuel almesse, lij. s*hillings* vj. d. of lond in Shillyngford; And an hundred shelyngworth of lond at Walton, the which kynge Stephyn yaf
16 to the same place. And because that she willed hit to be sure, She willed and comaunded surely that the mynchons of the abouesaid place shold haue and hold tho londis wele fully and pesibly frely worshipfully and quyetly, as hit is I-said, for
20 eu*er*, these beyng witnes.

Confirmation to Godstow, by empress Maud,

of the estates at Shillingford (no. 716, 718) and at Walton (in no. 4).

[Note.—At Devises. Witnesses:—Herebert, chaplain (of Godstow); [Robert] earl of Gloucester; Milo of Gloucester; Brian fitz-count.]

[875.] * A Chart*er* of Moolde the Emp*er*esse, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for ij. hydes and j. half and half a yerde of londe in Shillyngforde, and for an C. shillyngworth of londe in Walton.

* leaf 161, back. About 1143.

Moolde the Emp*er*esse willed to be know to henry her son*e*, Archebisshopis, Bisshopis, Abbottis, Erles, Barons, Iustices, Sherefis, Mynystres, and to all her trew men frenssh and
24 Englissh of all Englond, that she, for the love of god and the

Confirmation to Godstow, by empress Maud,

[1] In error for 'ij. days.'
[2] '¶ agaynst þe distrobulers of the feyere, the peyne,' in the margin.

[Geoffrey V of Anjou conquered Normandy, Jan. 114⅔.]

sowles of henry her fadir, kyng of Englond, and of her modir Moolde, quene, and for the helthe of her owne sowle and the welthe of her husbond and lord Geffrey duke of Normandie and erle of Aunge, and of her children, yaf and graunted, 4 & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther *ser*uyng god, the lond of Shillyngford, that is to sey, ij. hydes and an half and half a yerde that Raaf vicounte helde for lij. *shillings* vj. d; and an C. shillyngworth of lond in 8 Walton for eu*er*, in *per*petuel almesse, as she had hit whan she was I-segid at Oxenford. And therfor she willed and comaunded surely that the lady of the abouesaid place shold hold and haue the londis and her lond of Eaton, and all other londis longyng 12 to her chirch, wele and pesibly, frely quyetly and worshipfully, in medys and in wat*er*s, in fedyngis, and in wode and playn*e*, and Mylles, and all other thynges and fre customes and fredoms, w*ith* sok, and sak, tol and theum, Infangtheef, and of hundred 16 and danegolde and all yelde and all quarels and exaccions fre and quyte, as ony cherch in Englond held best most fre and quyte ther possessions, that no man do in ony thyng to them wronge or dispyte. And she toke that house and all thyngis 20 that longed to hit in her honde, kepyng, and p*ro*teccion, even*e* as her fadir and she had I-*founded hit, and hit had be of ther owne almesse. And that hit shold be sure, & *cetera*.

of Shillingford (no. 716, 718);

Walton (in no. 4); [Siege = Sept.–Dec. 1142.]

Eaton near Cricklade (no. 847), with full manorial perquisites and jurisdiction.

* leaf 162.

[Note.—At Devises. Witnesses :—Robert, earl of Gloucester ; Milo (de Gloucester), earl of Hereford ; Brian fitz-count ; Humphrey de Bohun. This and the next charter involve a difficulty of date. Geoffrey of Anjou is styled Duke of Normandy, a title not assumed till April, 1144, but Milo of Gloucester, one of the witnesses, was killed 24 Dec. 1143.]

About 1143.

[876.] A Chart*er* of Moolde the Emp*er*esse, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe, ij. hydes and j. half and half an Acre[1] of lond, [held at] lij. s*hillings* vj. d; an hundred shillyngworth of lond in Walton; a fysshe-were in Charwelle, and wat*er*; and all the tythe of all frutis of Wodestok; and the fayres that durith iij. dayes at Godstowe.

Confirmation to Godstow,

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Moolde the Empresse 24 willed to be know to her son*e* kyng[2], Archebisshoppis, Bisshopis,

[1] Read 'half a yerde.'

[2] The Latin is: 'M. Imperatrix, r. Henr. fil., Archiepiscopis' etc., i. e. regis Henrici filia.' The translator has wrongly expanded it to 'regi Henrico filio.'

Abbottis, erles, Barons, Iusticis, Sherefis, Mynyst*er*s, and to all her trew men, Frenssh and Englissh, of all Englond, that she, for the loue of god, and for the sowles of her fadir, kyng henry
4 of Englond, and of her modir Moolde, quene, and the helth of her owne sowle, and the welthe of her lord Geffrey, duke of Normandie and heire[1] of Aunge, and of her children, yaf and g*ra*unted into p*er*petuel almesse, to god & *cetera* and to the
8 mynchons of Godestowe there s*er*uyng god, ij. hides and an half, and half a yerde lond, that Raaf Scribe held by yere for lij. s*hillings* vj. d., w*ith* medys and pasturis; and an hundred shillyngworth of lond in Walton, al so holy all as they had hit whan she
12 was I-segid at Oxenford; and a fysshwere[2] in Charewell, and wat*er*, w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis also w*ith* medis and pastures; and all the tythe of all frutis of Wodestoke; and the Feyris, the which dure iij. dayes fully at Godestowe, at the birth of Seynt
16 Iohn Baptist, And she comaunded surely that all they that come to the faires shold haue there sure pease, and all ther goodes, in comyng, tariyng, and goynge ayene, that no man distrouble vnrightfully them or ther goodes: wherfor she willed and
20 comaunded surely that the forsaid chirche of Godestowe and the mynchons shold haue and hold, wele and in pease, tho londes, and ther lond of Eaton; and Wyke in portman*n*eit, the which the Citezens of Oxenford yaf to them; and the chirch
24 of seynt Gyle beside Oxenford, the which Ailwyn fitz Godegose yaf to them; and ther mylle that is I-called boiem[i]ln, w*ith* medis pasturis and londis and other p*er*tynentis; and all other londis p*er*teynyng to ther chirch, in * p*er*petuel almesse, and all maner
28 other thyngis I-gete by the yifte of god, w*ith* alle fredoms and fre customs, w*ith* soke and sak, tol and theam, and infangenthef, wele and in pease, frely and worshipfully, vttirly, quyetly, and fre fro shire, hundred, and gelde, and danegelde, and pleys,
32 and helpis, and assises, and scuagis, fro murther thefte and all gelde, also all quarels or playntis and exaccions and all other thynges; that no man do to them wronge or greef in ony thynge. For the forsaid chirche of Godestowe and the myn-
36 chons ther s*er*uyng god and all ther goodes and possessions and

by empress Maud,

of land at Shillingford (as in no. 875);
of land in Walton (as in no. 875);
of a fishery in Cherwell, with attached meadow-strips (no. 540);
of tithe of fruit of Woodstock;
of the fair at Godstow (no. 873);
of Wateraton, Wiltshire (no. 847);
of Wyke near Oxford (in no. 4);
of St. Giles', Oxford (in no. 4);
* leaf 162, back.
of Boy-mill, with attached meadows (in no. 4):
all with full manorial rights, and exemptions from royal taxes.

[1] In error for 'erle.' Latin is: 'et com*itis* Andeg*ave*n*sis*.'
[2] Latin is: 'piscaria in Chiarewell.'

ther men and all thyngis that longe to them were more specially in her owne honde, *pro*teccion̄, and kepyng, than ony other. These beyng, & *cetera*.

[NOTE.—The witnesses are Bernard, bishop of St. David's (1115–47); Robert, earl of Gloucester; Milo, earl of Hereford; Brian fitz-count; Humphrey de Bohun. Maud withdrew to Normandy, Nov. 1145.]

* leaf III or 15. About 1154.

[877.] * a chartur of kynge henri fitz emperyse of Walton & delingyscrofte.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, of their lands in Walton and Shillingford (as in no. 874).

THYS chartur makyth mensyon how kynge Henry wrote a commandment to the shyryf of Oxenford-shyre that he shold do & make the Mynchyns of Godstowe to hold & haue in pese, frely & quietly in *per*petual almys, her lond of walton and deling*es*croft, the whyche my modyr the emperice hath gyf & graunt; & is w*ith*-out dat*e*.

NOTE.—'Delingys-crofte' is an error of the translator. In the Latin the initial letter is plainly 'S', the end of the word is indistinct: 'Seli*n*geft'= Shillingford. Henry II succeeded 25 Oct. 1154; the precept was perhaps sent out before his departure for England, Dec. 1154.]

* leaf 185. 1156.

[878.] * A Confirmacion̄ of kynge Henry Fitz Emperesse, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, of—(1) the island in which the nunnery stands; (2) Godstow, i.e. the site of the abbey church (no. 3), (3) land at Shillingford (no. 716); (4) land at Walton (in no. 4); (5) tithes of the fruits of Woodstock (no. 876); (6) Godstow fair, for three full days, with protection to traders (no. 873);

THE sentence of this confirmacion̄ is, that Henry, kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, graunted and confermed, into perpetuell almesse, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, the lond and the place in the which the chirche was I-founded, and all the yiftis that were I-do to them; And of the yifte of Raynold of Seynt Walerye, the place that is I-called Godestowe, in the which ther chirch was I-founded; Of the yifte of the Empresse and his, the lond of Shillyngford, that is to sey, ij. hydes and an half [and half] a yerde-lond, w*ith* medis and pastures, the which Raaf Scribe held for two and fifty shillyngis and Sixe pens by yere; And an hundred shillyngworth of lond in Walton̄, as they had hit whan the Emp*er*esse was I-seged in Oxenford; And all the tythes of all the frutes of wodestoke; And the faires, the which shold dure thre fulle dayes, at Godestow, at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, And comaunded surely *þat*

all they that come to tho fayres shold haue ther sure pease and all ther goodes in comyng and goyng alwey, that no man wrongfully distrouble them nother ther goodes; Of the
4 yifte of Reynold of seynt * Walerye, the mylle of Wolgarecote, and one Fyssh-were that is called the kyngis were, and medys that ben called heryngis-*ham*, Boie-*ham*, and liches-ey, And the lond that lieth bitwene the two watirs, And half
8 a mede that is I-called lambeye; And another half parte of the same mede, of the yifte of Rob*er*t Doylle, And one busshell of whete of the mylles that ben vndir the Castell of Oxenford yerely to be paid; Of the yifte of Alisaundre,
12 bisshop of lyncolne, an hundred shillyngworth by yere of the Tolle of Bannebury; of the yifte of Rob*er*t, Bisshop of Exetir, xl. *shillings* yerely to be paid, that is to sey, xx. *shillings* of the chirche of farendon, And xx. *shillings* of the
16 chirche of oure lady in Gloucestr*e*; Of the yifte of Robert, Erle of leycet*er*, thre poundeworth of lond in Halso; Of the yifte of Reynolde, the son*e* of the Erle, and Emelyn*e* his wyf, and of his heires, Eton, with [all] that longith therto;
20 Of the yifte of Raaf Bloet, and of his modir and of his brethern [the church[1] of] Dantesburne, with the londes and all his p*er*tynentis; Of the yifte of Symond wadhill, half of the chirch of Patishille; Of the yifte of Symond[2] Spenser*e*,
24 the tithe of Rollendrith; Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hyde of lond in Rysyndon; Of the yifte of Richard Baanc, all the dowrye of his modir, that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his predecessours had in possession, that is
28 to sey v. hides, And cnolle and Swanton, with all ther p*er*tynentis; Of the yifte of Arnulphe Bolde, the lond that is I-called Sanford; Of the yifte of Roger Dalmary, fyfty acres in Blechesdon; Of the yifte of walt*er* Pery, in the
32 same towne, one yerde of londe and x. acres; Of the yifte of hugh of Tywe, ix. shillyngworth of lond in Oxenford; Of the yifte of the Citezeyns of Oxenford, the wyke the which Sagryne held, in portmanheyt beside Oxenford; Of the yifte
36 of Ambrose fitz Gerolde, v. shillyngworth of rent in wynchestir; Of the yifte of Eylwyne fitz Godegose the chirch of seynt Gyle beside Oxenford; Of the yifte of Baldewyn

(7) Wolvercote mill, King's-weir, 3 meads, the * **leaf 185, back.** island, half Lambey (772); (8) half Lambey, and dole from Oxford Castle mills (no. 512); (9) rent-charge on Banbury market (285); (10) pensions in churches of Farringdon and St. Mary-le-Crypt, Gloucester (nos. 207, 163); (11) land in Halso (no 269); (12) Water-eaton (no. 847); (13) Duntisbourne church, (no. 154); (14) moiety of Pattishall church (no. 4); (15) tithe in Rollright (no. 713); (16) land in Rissington, (no. 186); (17) Hodycote, Knoll, and Swanton (232); (18) Sandford, Wilts.; (19) 50 acres in Bletchingdon (nos. 287, 288); (20) yardland in Bletchingdon (no. 290); (21) Hugh of Tew's rent-charge in Oxford (513); (22) Wyke, near Oxford (no. 4); (23) Ambrose fitz Gerald's rent-charge in Winchester; (24) St. Giles' Church, Oxford (no. 4);

[1] Added from the Latin (Exchequer MS. leaf 164).

[2] Read 'Thomas.'

(25) Baldwin fitz Ingeret's rent-charge (11*s.*) in East-cheap, London;

with full manorial jurisdiction;

* leaf 186.

and exemption from royal taxes.

fitz Ingeret, in london in Estchepe, xj. shillyngworth of lond: wherfor he willed and comaunded that the forsaid Chirche, and mynchons ther *ser*uyng god, shold have and hold, into *per*petuell almesse, all these aforsaid thyngis, 4 and all other that have ben gote by the yifte of god, with all liberteis and free customs, with soke and sake, tol and team, and Infangenthief, wele *and in pease, frely and worshipfully, and vttirly quyte fro Shire and hundred, 8 pleys and helpis, assises and yelde, danegelde and Scuage, fro Murther and Theft, and all yelde and all other thynges, that no man shold do them wronge ne greef in ony thynge. For the forsaid chirche of Godestowe, and the mynchons 12 ther servyng god, and all ther goodes and possessions, and ther men, most[1] specially thenne all other in Englond, shold be in his owne hande, proteccion, and kepyng, Themp*er*ice his modi*re* beyng Witnesse, & *cetera*. 16

[Note.—Although put second in the Register the preceding charter is the earliest in date. It was given at Rouen, probably in 1156, at the time of his first French visit. The witnesses are :—Maud, his mother (died 1167) ; Philip, bishop of Baieux ; Arnulph, bp. of Lisieux ; Thomas (Becket), chancellor (1154–62) ; Robert de Novoburgo ; Richard de Hum*ez*, constable ; War*in* fitz-Gerald, chamberlain ; Man*asses* Biset, dapifer ; and Robert de dunest.]

* leaf 184. About 1165.

[879.] * Here begynneth[2] the Cart*er*s of kyng henry fitz Empresse, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, taking Godstow under his special protection, of (stated in a different order) the properties mentioned in no. 878;

*leaf 184, back.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that henry, kyng of Englond duke of Normandye and Erle of Angye, willed to be know to Archebisshoppis, Bisshoppis, Erles, Barons, Iusticis, Sherifis, Mynystres, and his trewe men, Frenssh and Englissh, of all 20 Englond, that the monastery of our*e* lady blissed marye the virgyn*e* and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow, and the abbesse and the holy mynchons of the same place, and all *þere* possession and goodes, and ther men, wher-so-ever they be, they ben in 24 myn*e* honde and kepyng and in my proteccion: that is to sey, the Ile in the whiche the monast*er*y is I-founded w*ith* the londis therto ; the lond * or grounde that is I-called Godestowe, with his appendauntis or mansions ; The mylle of wolgarecote, 28

[1] Read 'more': cp. 654/1.
[2] Put first in the Register, but certainly second in order of time.

with his appendauntis; ij. dwellyng placis or mansions in wolgarecote, with his p*er*tynentis; The Ile that lieth bitwene þe two watirs afore the yate of the monastery, the which is I-called licheseyt; thre medys, that is to sey, Boyh*am*[1], Lichesh*am*, Heryngesh*am*; one Fysshewere in the Themyse with his appendauntis; A mede that is I-called lambeye, and one busshell of whete by all yeris to be paid of the mylle vndir the Castell of Oxenford; The chirche of seynt Gyle with-out Oxenford; Fyve hide lond in Sigeresh*am*[2]; in walton, C. hundred[3] shillyngworth of lond; in the fest of the birthe of Seynt Iohn Baptist, Faire of thre dayes of Godestowe; Eton, with alle his p*er*tynentis; In halso, thre pounde worthe of lond; the lond that is I-called the wyke, in portmanheyt; what-so-ever right and all þ*at* they had in the chirch of patishulle; In Oxenford, nyne shillyngworthe of lond; with-oute the north gate, Seven*e* shillyngworth of lond; In Rysyndon, j hyde of lond; In Blechesdon, fyfty acres, and j. yerde lond, and ten acris; in knolle[4], londe that is I-called Sanford; beside Godestowe, parte of a mede the which Rob*er*t of Wyth*am* yaf; The chirche of Dantesborn*e*; with-oute the South-yate of Oxenford, one mansion that Eylwyne fitz Godegose yaf, with the p*er*tynentis; In wynchester, fyve shillyngworth of lond; In[5] the towne that is I-called Shillyngford; the right in the tythes of Rollendrith; In the chirch of Farendon, xx. *shillings* by eu*er*y yere; And of the chirche of our lady of Gloucestre, xx. *shillings* by eu*er*y yere to be paid; The towne that is I-called Pery[6] and all the right*es* of the same towne in all thyngis; In Oxenford, the lond that Walter Pery yaf; Of the yifte of Richard Labaanc, all the dowry of his modir, that is to sey, cnolle and swanton, the whiche p*er*teyneth to the same, and hodicote al so moche as his p*re*decessou*r*s possessed, that

(26) two houses in Wolvercote (cp. no. 770 and 774);

(27) Sigeresham (?);

(28) 7*s*. rent-charge outside North Gate of Oxford; (29) in Knowle, land called Sandford (no. 231); (30) Robert of Wytham's meadow (no. 32); (31) Eilwyn son of Godgose's gift outside South Gate of Oxford; (32) Perry (?); (33) Walter of Perry's land in Oxford;

[1] Latin has 'Boi-ham.' At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow owned (*Monast.* iv. 370) 'Beynam' (? in error for Boy-ham), 5 acres, valued at 2*s*. 4*d*. an acre; as also Great Ham (4 acres) and Little Ham (2 acres) in Wolvercote mead, which, as being common after the first hay (*vestura*) was removed, were valued at only 1*s*. 8*d*. an acre. They are, no doubt, the two 'hams' mentioned here with Boy-ham.

[2] So also in the Latin copy, but either in error or descriptive of property afterwards alienated. It is neither Shillingford nor Swanton, which are both mentioned in this confirmation.

[3] *Sic*, repeated by a slip.

[4] Latin 'Cnolla.' Possibly this is the same as no. 878, § 18.

[5] Omit 'In.' It is an error in translation.

[6] So also in the Latin, but how did it come? Perhaps in error for Walter of Perry's gift in Bletchingdon (no. 290).

(34) 'Blechesworth' mill; (35) Boymill (no. 4); (36) tithe of Sewcourt mills, with * leaf 185. a meadow (no. 25); (37) Clare prevet, Hampshire (no. 216); (38) Combe mill (no. 861); (39) land near St. Martin's church, London: with full manorial rights.

is to sey, fyve hydes of lond frely and quyetly fro all seculer service, with all ther p*er*tynentis; The mylle of Blechesworth[1], of the yifte of Roger bisshop of Salisbury, The mylle that is I-called Boiemylle, with the londis and all his p*er*tynentis; 4 beside Oxenford; the tythes of the mylles of Sewcourte, w*ith* the mede I-called the hert[2]; the lond of Clare prevet * by name; the mylle of Cumbe, with all that longith therto; In london, in Estchepe xij. shillyngworth[3] of lond; In london by seynt 8 Martyn*e* chirch, in soca of the bisshop, vj. shillyngworth of lond: All these thyngis resonably purchased, and all other thyngis resonably I-goten to the forsaid chirche and to the holy mynchons ther servyng god, he willed that they shold be to 12 the same chirche and to the holy mynchons he confermed, Also surely comaundyng that they shold hold, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly and worshipfully, with tol and team, soke and sak, Infangen-thef and out-fangenthief, and with all other customs 16 and liberteis with the which ony chirch and almesse was I-hold in Englond most freist quyetyliest and best. And they, that is to sey, the Archebisshop and bisshoppis, & *cetera*, shold kepe and maynteyn*e* them, and all ther*e* goodes, as they loved hym, 20 that is to sey, the kyng evyn*e* as that chirche that kyng henry his grauntesire founded and furthered and gretly loued, and his modir the Emp*er*esse afterward, And he hym-self gretly loued, And not suffre that ony man did to them wronge or greef 24 in ony thynge: for yf ony did gretly, hit shold hevy hym gretly. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Protection of Godstow, as being a convent founded by Henry I, furthered by Maud empress, and loved by Henry II.

[Note.—Eyton gives April 1157 as the date of the foregoing charter. The witnesses are: Rodbert (de Bellomont, second) earl of Leicester (1118–68); Richard de Canuill.; Warin, son of Gerold; Henry son of Ger.: apud Lundias. Warin fitz-Gerald died about end of 1157.]

[Some minor Charters of Henry II.]

[Note.—It is impossible to fix the dates of the following charters from the evidence available. No. 880 was given at Oxford; witness, Roger, the king's chaplain. Nos. 881 and 882 were given at Woodstock; witness, Richard, archdeacon of Poitiers. No. 883 was given at Woodstock; witness, Richard de Hume3, constable. No. 884, at Woodstock; witness, John Cumin.]

[1] Latin has 'Bcheswurth.' This property has not been identified.
[2] Read 'heit.'
[3] xxi*s*. in the Latin.

[880.] * A Charter of kyng henry fitz Empresse for the Ferry of Godestowe in the Faire tyme, & *cetera*. * leaf 187, back. About 1165.

* THE sentence of this charter is, that henry, by the grace of god kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, comaunded to all maner of men that they shold maynteyne kepe and defende all mar-
4 chaundis comyng to the Faire of thre fulle dayes at the Natiuite of Seynt Iohn Baptist at Godestowe, So that they shold do to them no wronge nother greef, nothere they shold not suffre that they were I-troubled, but they shold haue sure pease
8 in doyng there customs. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 188. Protection to Godstow, by Henry II, of traders coming to the fair (as in n o. 873).

[881.] A charter of kyng henry for tol, passage, and poundage þurgh Englond. About 1165.

THE sentence of this charter is, that henry, kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, charged that the mynchons of Godestowe, and all ther goodis the which ther men may swere to be ther owne, shold be
12 quyte fro tol, passage, and pountage, and all custome thurgh all his lond of Englond; and he forbede that no man shold distrouble them wrongfully, vndir the payne of x. li. These beyng Witnesse, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Henry II, of exemption from highway dues.

[882.] A Charter of the same kyng forbedyng þat no man hold ther bondmen. About 1165.

16 THE sentence of this charter is that henry, kyng, & *cetera*, charged alle manere statis and mynysters that they rightfully with-out delaye shold make and haue to the mynchons of Gode-
stowe all ther natifs or bondemen or fugitifs with ther catallis,
20 where-so-euer they were I-founde in ther baillifshippis, that flowe fro them aftir the deth of kyng Henry his graunt-sire. And he forbode that no man shold hold them, vndir the peyne of x. li. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Henry II, of powers to recover all serfs who have become fugitives from their lands since 1135.

[883.] A charter protectorie for the mynchons of Godestow and all ther goodis. About 1170.

24 THE sentence of this charter is that Henry, kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, charged to[1] all statis and to the baillifs of Gloucestre that they sholde maynteyne, kepe, and defende the londis and

Protection to Godstow, by Henry II,

[1] 'to the sheriff,' in Latin copy.

against Robert of Slaughter, and all others.

men and all goodes of the holy mynchons of Godestowe, not suffryng Robert Selothire[1] or other [to] vexe them or ther men or ther seruauntis wrongfully of londis or pasturis or other goodis in his baillyf-shippis or to do them wronge or greef. And yf ony man do to them wronge or greef, with-out ony delay they shold make to them hit to be amended. And yf they did hit not, his Iusticis shold do hit, that he herde no more clamoure for defaute of right and Iustice beryng. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 188, back. About 1170.

[884.] * Another charter, that they shold not be impleyd with, but in the kyngis Courte, for her tenuris and possessions, & *cetera*.

Privilege to Godstow, by Henry II, that they may not be sued about lands held by them except in the royal courts.

THE sentence of this charter is, that henry, by the grace of god, & *cetera*, comaunded to all Sherifs, baillifs and mynystris in whos bailly-wykis the mynchons of Godestowe helde all theire tenuris and all theire tenementis, that they shold hold hem wele and in pease, and they shold not be pleyd of ony of theire tenement but afore hym or his Iusticis. For the forsaid mynchons and all theire possessions were in his honde and kepyng and proteccion: witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 186. About 1175.

[885.] * A Confirmacion of kyng henry fitz Emperesse, for all almesse and all maner thyngis that were I-yeve or shold be yeve to the mynchons of Godestowe, & *cetera*.

General confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, of all their property.

THE sentence of this charter is that henry, kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, graunted, and confermed with this present charter, to the mynchons of Godestowe, all the almesse, in chirches and londes and tythes and in alle other thyngis, that were resonably I-yeve to them or shold be yeve. Wherfor he willed and comaunded surely that the forsaid mynchons shold haue and holde all ther almesse and possessions, bothe of chirch [and[2] lay] fee, [in[2] wood and plain, in meadows and pastures, in waters] and mylles, in pondis and maryse[3], in weyes and pathis, and in all other placis and other thyngis perteynyng to

[1] Probably questioning Godstow title to lands at Rissingdon, see no. 190.
[2] Added from the Latin copy. [3] 'in vivariis et mariscis.'

them, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly, holy and worshipfully, with all fredoms and fre customs. Witnesse thise, & *cetera.*

[NOTE.—Directed to 'all archbishops,' &c. Witnesses are:—G[eoffrey Ridel], bishop of Ely [1174–89]; Hugh [Pudsey], bishop of Durham [1153–95]; and G[eoffrey Plantagenet], bishop elect of Lincoln [1173]; Walter, archdeacon of Oxford; Roger, the king's chaplain; Richard de Luci; Reginald de Curtenai; &c. The explanation of this charter, as of its immediate predecessors, may be that Godstow felt the need of additional protection for lands acquired since no. 879; and so we are led on to the next charter, which enumerates by name both the old properties and those lately acquired.]

[886.] * A Confirmacion of kyng henry fitz Emperesse confermyng all maner of yiftis afore I-yove, & *cetera.*

*** leaf 186. About 1182.**

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, at its re-foundation as a royal abbey, of the properties mentioned in no. 878 and no. 879, and, in addition to them, of [Ceremony of the silken cloth: no. 5.] (40) Wycombe church (no. 87); (41) Bloxham church (no. 306); (42) cow-house and pasture at Pattishall;

4 HENRY[1], by the grace of god kyng of Englond, graunted and with his charter confermed, into perpetuel almesse, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god, the towne of wolgarecote and the place in the which the chirch 8 was I-founded and all the yiftes that were I-made to them, that is to sey, of his yifte, the towne of wolgarecote and the place that is I-called Godestowe in the which the chirch was I-founded, with the assent and graunte of Bernard of Seynt Walerye and of his 12 heires, the which, that is to sey, Bernarde of Seynt Walerye yaf the forsaid towne and the forsaid place and graunted hit to kyng henry and seisyned hym (by a silken cloth, wherof was a chesible I-made) with the lordship and the right of the 16 Avowery of the same Abbey that he had afore in hit, So that the forsaid abbey shold be free for ever, and in chief of his crowne, as the Abbey of Seynt Edmond and other riall Abbeyes that ben I-sette in Englond; Also of his yifte, the chirch 20 of wycombe, with all his *pertynentis; And the chirche of Bloxham, with all his pertynentis; Also of his yifte, the vicariage[2] of Patishulle, with the pasture, as he had hit in his owne hande; And the londe of Clare by name prevet, the 24 which he bought of Manasse Sandevyle[3] for xxv. mark; Of

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[1] The Latin text in the *Monasticon*, iv. 364, is from the Inspeximus of Richard I.

[2] A slip of the translator. Latin is 'vaccaria de Pautheshale cum pastura,' a cow-house. See no. 902, § xxxvii.

[3] 'Sannerville.'

the yifte of the Empresse and his, the lond' of Shillyngford', that is to sey, ij. hydes and j. half yerde, with medys and pasturis, the which Raaf Scribe helde for lij. s*hillings* vj. d' by yere; and an hundred' shillyngworthe of londe in Walton̄, as they had' hit whan the Empresse was I-seged' in Oxenford'; And a fisshewere[1] in Charewelle watir, with medis, and pastures, and all ther p*er*tynentis; And all the tythe of all the frutis of wodestok; And the faieris that shold' dure thre fulle dayes, at Godestowe, at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, And he comaunded' surely that all they that come to tho faires shold' have there sure pease in comyng' and goyng' away, that no man distrouble[2] wrongfully them nother theire goodes; Of the yifte of Raynold' of seynt Walery, the mylle of Wolgarecote, and one fysshwere that is I-called' the kyngiswere, and the medys that ben called' Heryngesh*am*, Boieh*am*, and Licheseye, and the lond' that lieth bitwene the two watirs, and half a mede that is I-called' Lambeye; And the other half of the same mede, of the yifte of Rob*er*t Doylle; Of the yifte of Alisaundre, bisshop̄ of lyncolne, an hundred' shillyngis by yere of the tolle of Banbury; Of the yifte of Bernard' of Seynt Walerye, a mede that is I-called' Pekeseye[3], And to mowe the same mede iiij. s*hillings* by yere at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist (ij. s*hillings* in Erdynton̄ and ij. s*hillings* in lye[4]); Of the yifte of Rob*er*t, Bisshop of Exetir, xl. s*hillings* by yere to be paid', that is to sey, xx. s*hillings* in the chirche of Farendon̄, and xx. s*hillings* in the chirche of our lady of Gloucestir*e*; Of the yifte of Rob*er*t, Erle of leycetir*e*, thre poundeworth of lond' in Halso; Of the yifte of Amye, Countesse, his wyf, and with the graunte of hym, ij. marke by yere, one in Brakley and another in farnyngho; Of the yifte of Raynold', the Erles sone, and of Emelyn*e* his wyf, and his heires, Eaton̄, with alle his p*er*tynentis; Of the yifte of Symond' Wadhille, half of the chirche of Patishulle; Of the yifte of Rob*er*t Bluet and of his modir and of his brethern̄, the chirche of Dantesburn*e*, with the * londes and his p*er*tynentis; Of the yifte of Symond' Spenser, the tythe of Rollendrith; Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hide of lond' in Rysyndon̄;

(43) fishery in Cherwell, with adjacent meads (no. 540);

(44) Pekesey mead, with 2*s*. rent-charge in Yarnton and 2*s*. in North Leigh (no. 772);

(45) rent-charges in Brackley and Farthingho, Northts. (no. 269);

* leaf 187.

[1] 'piscaria.'

[2] 'disturbare iniuste.'

[3] At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow still possessed (*Monast.* iv. 370) Pyxsey, 40 acres, valued at £3 (i.e. 1*s*. 6*d*. per acre), which was common after removal of the first hay-crop (vestura).

[4] 'Leyga.'

Of the yifte of Richard Labaanc, all the dowery of his modir, that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his *pre*decessours had in possession, that is to sey v. hides, and Cnolle and Swanton with
4 all that longith therto, that is to sey, ther p*er*tynentis; Of the yifte of Arnulphe Bolde, the londe that is I-called Sanford; Of the yifte of Roger Dalmary, fyfty acris in Blechesdon; Of the yifte of Walter Pyrye, in the same towne, one yerde[1] of lond
8 and x. acris; Of the yifte of hugh Tywe, nyne shillyngworthe of lond in Oxenford; Of the yifte of Roger*e*, Bisshopp*e* of Salisbury, a mylle that is I-called Boymylle, with the lond that lieth to the same; Of the yifte of the Citezens of Oxenford, the wyke
12 the which Segryne helde, in portemanheyt beside Oxenford; Of the yifte of Eylwyne Godegose, the chirch of seynte Gyle, with his p*er*tynentis, the which he founded, the which is w*ith*out Oxenford; And of the other p*ar*te of the same Citee, vpon
16 the Southe Brigge, xviij. shillyngworthe of lond; Of the yifte of Ambrose fitz Gerolde, v. s*hillings* in wynchestir; Of the yifte of Raaf[2] fitz Ingerid, in london in Estchepe, xj. s*hillings*; Of the yifte of Edward fitz Sewyne[3], vj. s*hillings*, vpon Corn-
20 hull; Of the yifte of hugh, Archidekon of leycet*er*, one shop in westchepe, And ij. s*hillings* with-out the west yate of Seynt Poule; Of the yifte of Anstede[4] Bendeville, the mylle of Benchesworde[5]; Of the yifte of henry of Oxenford, one hide
24 of lond in walton[6]; Of the yifte of william venn, one mylle and his lond [in[7] Imbesette; of the yifte of Rob*er*t of Meysy, in Wynchestir all the londe] with-oute the northe yate, And in Shedewritstrete and Flesshmongerstrete; Of the yifte of Rob*er*t
28 Euersy, his tofte with-oute Gloucestir at the kyngesh*a*m, and one dwellyng place; Of the yifte of herebert of seynt Quyntyn, in Wynchestir, ij. dwellyng placis with-in the walle and one with-oute; Of the yifte of Aleyn*e* of lye, half a marke in
32 puth*a*m; Of the yifte of Robert fitz Nigell, one yerde of lond

(46) shop in Westcheap and land in London (no. 243); (47) a hide in Walton (no. 516); (48) mill in Empshott (no. 202); (49) land at Winchester (no. 236); (50) land & house at Gloucester (no. 165); (51) houses at Winchester (no. 237); (52) rent-charge at Petham (no. 864); (53) yardland

[1] Latin 'virgata': *Monast.* iv. 364.
[2] 'Baldwin,' ibid.
[3] 'filii Siwimeri': ibid.
[4] 'Aluredi': ibid.
[5] 'Becheswrde': ibid.: 'Benchesworda' in the Exchequer MS. See note 1, p. 658.
[6] In Richard I's Confirmation (*Monast.* iv. 364), there appear at this point two clauses, probably omitted here by accident: 'of the gift of Bartholomew of Yckeford one half-marc of land in Ikeford (no. 67); of the gift of William (son of Durand) and Maud his wife one marc of rent in Oxeneford.' But William is in error for Jeffrey (no. 517).
[7] Line omitted in MS., supplied from the Latin copy.

in Bletchingdon (no. 290); (54)rent-charge in Tormarton, (no. 193); (55)rent-charge in Knighton (no. 16); (56) meadow * leaf 187, back. called Paderisham (no. 33), (57) Easington church(no.438); (58) Lamyat church(no.780); (59)rent-charge on Highworth mill (see no. 863); (60) Frampton mill, and salt-rights(no. 156); (61) salt-pit at Wiche(no.200); (62) Dinton church (no. 52); (63) rent-charges in Winchester; (64)rent-charge at (? Gloucester or Winchester); (65)rent-charge at Brackley; (66) Rusmonger's rent-charge outside North Gate, Oxford;

in Blechesdon; Of the yifte of Nicholas Sutton[1], ij. *shillings* in Thorm*er*ton; Of the yifte of wydon of Seynt Walerye half a marke in Cumberton[2]; Of the yifte of the Abbot of Abendon and of all ther Couente, by their peticion[3], v. 4 acres called Poderesham[4] by name; Of the yifte of William of Sewkeworth, the chirch of Esyndon; Of the yifte of [Baldwin of] Colum*bers*, * the chirche of Lameth; Of the yifte of Hugh Mortymere[5], one Marke by yere of the mylle 8 of Worthe; Of the yifte of Walter Clyfford, the mylle of Framton, with all his p*er*tynentis, And in the wyche xiiij. myttes of Salte, and one mese[6]; Of the yifte of Osbert fitz hugh, one Salyne[7], that is to sey, a salte pitte in the wyche, 12 the which is I-called a Cowe; Of the yifte of Anneys mountchenesy, the chirche of Donyngton, with all his p*er*tynentis; Also in Wynchestir of the yifte of Herebert fitz westman, xvj. *shillings* ix. d, Of the yifte of Edyue, the wyf of 16 Thurstey[n] Osyere, iij. *shillings* viij. d. ob*olus*, Of the yifte of Herbert Reve[8], v. *shillings*, Of the yifte of william, Preest of Seynt Pancrace, ij. *shillings* with-oute the Est yate, Of the yifte of Humfrey, the Abbesse chapelayne, in Wynchestir 20 in Chesshull, ix. *shillings* vj. d. ob*olus*, Of the yifte of Alisaundre, preest of Gloucestre, xij. d.; Of the yifte of Thurkille Reve[8] in Brakeley, iiij. *shillings*; Of the yifte of Aleyne Rusmonger*e* and of Edithe his wyf, half a marke 24 by yere with-out the north yate of Oxenforde: Wherfor he willed and comaunded that the forsaid abbesse of Godestowe, the which was his owne almesse, and the mynchons ther servyng god, all the fore-named thyngis and what-so- 28 ever other thynge were I-gete by the yifte of god, they sholde have and holde hit, into fre and p*er*petuell almesse, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly, holy and worshipfully, in wode and in playne, in medys, in pasturis, in watirs and 32

[1] 'Yutton' or 'Nutton' (ill-formed letter) in Exchequer MS.; 'Murton,' *Monast.* iv. 364; in error for Mutton.

[2] 'Cumbreton' also in Exchequer MS.; 'Cnicheton,' *Monast.* iv. 364. Knighton in Berkshire is meant.

[3] 'per petitionem domini Henrici patris nostri' in Richard I's confirmation: *Monast.* iv. 364.

[4] 'Pederissam' in Exchequer MS.

[5] 'ex dono Hugonis le Morton,' *Monast.* iv. 64, in error.

Latin has: 'et in Wichia xiiii. mittas salis et unam messuagium': *Monast.* iv. 365, and Exchequer MS.

[7] Latin has: 'salinam unam in Wichia quae dicitur vacca': *Monast.* iv. 365.

[8] Latin: 'praepositi.'

mylles, in weyes and pathes, in pondis and stewis, with-in burgh and with-out burgh, and in all othe*re* placis, with sok, and sak, tol and team, and infangetheef, and vtt*er*ly quyte fro shires and hundredis, pleis and playntis, helpys and assises, yelde and danegelde, of Murthe*re* and of theeft, of scuage, yiftis, scottis, and workes of Castels and howses, walles, parkes, stywys, dichis and briggis, of su*m*mage and cariage, of warde peny, and averpeny, hundredepeny[1], and thederyngpeny; and they sholde be quyte þurgh all Ingelond [and] by watir fro tol and passage and pountage and stallage and lastage and of all other customs, as the chart*er*s of the yevers witnesse. These beyng witnesse, *& cetera.*

with manorial privileges; and with exemptions from royal impositions.

[Given at Winchester. The witnesses fix the date as not earlier than 1181. They are:—Richard [Tocliffe], bishop of Winchester [1173–89]; G[eoffrey Ridel], bishop of Ely [1174–89]; B[aldwin], bishop of Worcester [1180–84]; G[eoffrey Plantagenet], his son, chancellor [1181–89]; master Laurence, archdeacon of Bedford; Master Walter de Constantiis; Bertram de Verdon, &c.]

[887.] * A proteccion of kyng Richard, worde by worde, after the p*r*oteccion of kyng henry afore I-writte.

* leaf 190, back. A.D. 1190. April 8. Protection by Richard I.

[Note.—The 'proteccion . . . afore I-writte' may be that of Henry III (no. 893), which is erroneously regarded as being by Henry II. An Inspeximus and confirmation, by Richard I, of no. 886, is printed in *Monast.* iv. 364. This is dated at Danfront, 8 April, 1 Richard I, i. e. 1190, and witnessed by Hugh [Pudsey], bishop of Durham [1153–95]; Richard [Fitz-neale], bishop of London [1189–98]; Godfrey [de Luci], bishop of Winchester [1189–1204]; Hubert [Walter], bishop elect of Salisbury [1189–93]; &c.]

[888.] A Charter of kyng Richard, chargyng that the mynchons of Godestowe sholde haue all the tenauntryes in goode pease, that no man sholde vexe them wrongfully.

A.D. 1190, May 31. General protection by Richard I.

[Note.—Richard I had left England to go on crusade. The charter refers to 'the day when he last left England,' and is dated 'at Aquileia, 31 May,' 1190. Godstow perhaps felt that, during the king's absence, it was desirable to have a general charter, covering new acquisitions of property.]

[1] 'hundreder peny,' in the Latin.

About 1191. Confirmation, by prince John, of no. 886.

[889.] **A Charter of Iohn, Erle of Morteyne, confermyng the yiftis that his fadir kyng henry yaf to the mynchons of Godestowe, that is to sey, the chirche of wycombe with all his pertynentis and liberteis; and a lond in Clare, prevet I-called by name, that his fadir bought of Manasses Saueruille for xxv. marke; and forthe, even like worde by worde, as hit is I-writte a-fore.**

[Note.—In Oct. 1191 prince John drove out William de Longchamp, Richard I's chancellor, and laid hold on the administration. Godstow, no doubt, thought it necessary to secure a fresh confirmation. Among the witnesses are Stephen Bidell, prince John's chancellor; William of Wevenall; Roger Planes.]

1199, June 13. General protection by King John.

[890.] **A proteccion of kyng Iohn to the mynchons of Godestowe I-made for ther men, londes, and goodes, and possessions, to be defended, worde by worde as in the proteccion of kyng henry afore is I-writte.**

[Note.—Dated at Medestan (Maidstone), June 13; H[ubert Walter], archbishop of Canterbury, chancellor. The reference is to no. 893, Henry III's (wrongly supposed to be Henry II's) deed. King John was at Canterbury on June 12, 1199.]

About 1199. Grant of exemption from tolls, by King John, as in no. 881.

[891.] **A Charter of kyng Iohn, to the mynchons of Godestowe, I-made for tol, passage, pountage, and all custome thurgh all Englond, even as hit is I-writte afore in the charter of kynge henry.**

[Note.—Dated at Hallon, June 16; Hubert, archbishop, chancellor.]

* leaf 188, back. About 1217.

[892.] *** A confirmacion of kyng henry[1], confermyng the yifte of kyng henry his graunte sire, made to them and with his charter confermed, [and] all the yiftis that were I-made to theym, & *cetera*.**

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry III (in a different order),

The sentence of this confirmacion is that Henry, kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, graunted, & *cetera*, into perpetuel almesse, and confermed with his charter to god, & *cetera*, and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, that yifte that henry 4
his graunte sire made to them and with his charter confermed,

[1] This confirmation is treated as given by Henry II. It is plainly by Henry III. The Latin has, correctly, 'Henrici filii regis Iohannis.'

and all the yiftis that were I-made to them, that is to sey, of the yifte of Henry his graunte sire, the towne of Wolgarecote, and also the place that is I-called Godestowe in the whiche the chirche was I-founded with the assente and graunte of Bernard of Seynt Walery and of his heires, the whiche, that is to sey, Bernard, graunted to henry his graunte sire the forsaid towne and place, and yaf and resynyd hym (by a silken threde, wherof was I-made a chesible) also with all the lordship and right of the Avowry of the same Abbey that he had afore in hit, So that the forsaid abbey shold be free and in chief of his crowne as the Abbey of seynt Edmond and other riall Abbeyes that ben I-ordeyned thurgh Englond: Also of the yifte of henry his graunte sire, the chirche of wycombe with all his *per*tynentis, And the chirche of Bloxh*am* with all his *per*tynentis, and the vicariage[2] of Patishulle w*ith* the pasture as kyng henry his fadir[3] had hit in his owne hande, and * the londe [Clere] by name called prevet the which his fadir[3] bought of manasse Samhulle for xxv. mark: Of the yifte of the Empresse his graunte dame[4] and of his fadir[3], Shillyngford that is to sey, two hydis and half a yerde with medys and pasturis the whiche Raaf Scribe held for lij. *shillings* vj. d. by yere, and an hundred shillyngworthe of lond in walton as they had hit whan Moolde the Empresse was I-seged at Oxenford, and a Fyssh-were in Charwelle and the watir with mede and pastures and all his *per*tynentis, and all the tythe of all the frutis of wodestok, and the Faires the which shold dure thre fulle dayes at Godestowe at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, And he comaunded surely that all they that come to tho feires shold have ther sure pease and all their goodis in comyng and goyng awey, that no man shold be hardy wrongefully to distrouble them nother ther goodes. He graunted also and confermed, to the forsaid mynchons for ever, two cartis to go eu*er*y day in the wode of Shottor*e* to carye wode to ther*e* nede. Also of the yifte of Reynold of Seynt Walery, the mylle of Wolgarecote, and the fyssh-were that is I-called the kyngiswere, and the medis that ben I-called Heryngish*am* Boieh*am* and licheseye, and the lond that lieth bytwene the two watirs, And half the mede that is I-called

of the properties enumerated in Henry II's third charter (no. 886),

* leaf 189.

and, in addition, of (67) two carts carrying firewood daily out of Shotover wood (apparently granted by Henry II);

[1] In error for Henry III. [2] 'vaccaria': see note [2], p. 661. [3] grandfather. [4] great-grandmother.

Lambey: and the other half of the same mede, of the yifte of Rob*er*t Doylle. Of the yifte of Alisaundir, bisshop̄ of lyncolne, C. s*hillings* by yere of the Tolle of Bannebury. Of the yifte of Bernard̄ of Seynt Walery, a mede that is I-called̄ 4 Pecheseye, and to mowe the same mede iiij. s*hillings* by yere, at the fest of the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist (ij. s*hillings* in Erdyntoñ and ij. s*hillings* in lye). Of the yifte of Rob*er*t, Bisshop̄ of Excet*er*, xl. s*hillings* yerely to be paide, that is 8 to sey, xx. s*hillings* in the chirche of Faryndoñ, and xx. s*hillings* in the chirche of our lady of Gloucestre. Of the yifte of Rob*er*t, Erle of leycet*er*, thre pounde-worthe of lond̄ in Halso; Of the yifte of Amye, Countesse, his wyf, and by his graunte, ij. marke 12 by yere, in Brakeley one marke and another in Fernyngho; Of the yifte of Reynold̄, the son*e* of the Erle, and of Emelyne his wyf and of his heires, Eatoñ, w*ith* all̄ his p*er*tynentis; Of the yifte of Symond̄ of wadhulle, half of the chirche of Patishulle; 16 Of the yifte of Raaf Bluet and of his modir and of his bretherñ, the chirche of Dauntesburne with̄ the londis and his p*er*tynentis; Of the yifte of Symond̄ Spenser, the tythe of Rollendrith̄; Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hide of lond̄ in Rysyndoñ; 20

* leaf 189, back. * Of the yifte of Richard̄ Labaanc, all̄ the dowery of his modir, that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his p*re*decessours had̄ in possessioñ, that is to sey, v. hides and Cnolle and Swantoñ with̄ all̄ ther p*er*tynentis; Of the yifte of Arnulphe Bolde, the lond̄ 24 that is I-called̄ Sanford̄; Of the yifte of Roger Dalmary, fyfty acres in Blechesdoñ; Of the yifte of Walter Pery, in the same towne, one yerde lond̄ and x. acris; Of the yifte of hugh̄ Tywe, ix. s*hillings* of lond̄ in Oxenford̄; Of the yifte of Roger, Bisshop 28 of Salisbury, a mylle that is called̄ Boyemylle, with̄ the lond̄ that lieth̄ to the same; Of the yifte of the Citezens of Oxenford̄, the wyke or wyke crofte, the whiche Segryne held̄, in portmanheyt beside Oxenford̄; Of the yifte of Eylwyn*e* fitz Godegose 32 the chirche of seynt Gyle, with̄ his p*er*tynentis, the which̄ chirch̄ he founded̄, whiche is w*ith*-out Oxenford̄, And, of the other p*ar*te of the same Citee, vpon the south̄ brigge, xviij. shillyngworth̄ of lond̄; Of the yifte of Ambrose fitz Gerald̄, v. s*hillings* 36 in wynchestir; Of the yifte of Baldewyn*e* fitz Ingerid̄, in londoñ in Estchepe, xj. s*hillings*; Of the yifte of Edward̄ fitz Sewyñ,

[1] In error for Henry III.

vj. *shillings* vpon Cornhille; Of the yifte of hugh, Archidekon of leyceter, one Shoppe in Westchepe and ij. *shillings* with-out the west gate of seynt Poule; Of the yifte of Alurede Bendeuille, the mylle of Blechesworde; Of the yifte of henry Oxenford, one hide of lond in Walton; Of[2] the yifte of Bartholomew Hicford, half a marke of lond in Hicford; Of[2] the yifte of Gefferey Durante and Moolde his wyf, one marke of rente in Oxenford; Of the yifte of william venn3, his mylle and londe in Imbesette; Of the yifte of Robert Euersy, in wynchestir, all þe londe without the northe yate and in Sheldwirthstrete and Flesshmongerstrete; Of the yifte of Robert Euersy, his tofte of Roddis with-out Gloucestir, at the kyngesham, and one dwellyng place; Of the yifte of herbert of Seynt Quyntyne, in wynchestir, ij. dwellynge places with-in the walle and one with-oute; Of the yifte of Aleyne of lye, half a marke in Putham; Of the yifte of Robert fit3 Nygelle, j. yerde of londe; Of the yifte of Nicholas Mutton, ij. *shillings* in Thormerton; Of the yifte of wydo of seynt walery, half a marke in Cumbreton; Of the yifte of the Abbot of Abendon and his Couente, thurgh the peticion of henry his fadir[3], v. acris by name pederesham; Of the yifte of william of Sewkeworthe, the chirche of Esyndon; Of the yifte * of Baldewyne of Columbers the chirche of Lameth; Of the yifte of hugh Mortymer, one marke by yere of the mylle of Worthe. Of the yifte of Walter Clyfford, the mylle of Framton, with all his pertynentis, And in the wyche xiiij. myttis of salte, And one mese. Of the yifte of Osbert fit3 hugh, one salyne that is called a salte pitte, in the wyche the which is I-called a Cowe. Of the yifte of Anneys Mountchenesy, the chirche of Donyngton, with all his pertynentis. Also in wynchestir, of the yifte of the wyf of Thurstane Oser, iij. *shillings* viij. d. obolus. Also in wynchestir, of the yifte of Osbert fit3 Westmanne, xvj. *shillings* xj. d.; Of the yifte of herebert Reve, v. *shillings*; Of the yifte of william, preste of seynt Pancrace, ij. *shillings* with-out the Est gate; Of the yifte of Humfray, Chapeleyne of the abbesse of Godestowe, in wynchestir vpon Chesse hulle, ix. *shillings* v. d. obolus, Of the yifte of Alisaundir, preste of Gloucestir, xij. d. Of the yifte of Thurchehille Reve, in Brakeley, iiij. *shillings*. Of the yifte of Aleyne Rusmonger

(68) rent-charge in Ickford, Bucks (no. 67); (69) of Jeffrey son of Durand's rent-charge in north suburb of Oxford (no. 517);

* leaf 190.

[1] In error for Henry III. [2] See note [6], p. 663. [3] grandfather.

and Edithe his wyf, half a mark, by yere wiþ-oute the northe yate of Oxenford. Wherfore he wold and surely charged that the forsaid Abbesse of Godestowe and the mynchons ther *ser*uyng god shold haue and hold all the forsaid thyngis and all 4 maner thynge I-gote by the grace and yifte of god, into fre and *per*petuell almesse, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly, fully holy and worshipfully, in wode and in playne, in medys and pasturis, in watirs and mylles, in weyes and pathis, in pondys 8 and stewys, wiþ-in borough and wiþ-oute borough, and in alle other placis, wiþ soke and sake, and tol and team, and infangen-theef, vtterly quyte, and [that[2] their] fre tenauntis ought ther to be quyet fro shire and hundred, pleys and playntis, helpis and 12 assises, yelde and daneyelde, fro Murdre and theeft, of Scuage and hydage, yiftis and scottis, and workyng*es* of Castell howsis and wallis parkis stewys dichis and briggis, and of su*m*mage and cariage, of wardepeny and of Averpeny, and of hundrede- 16 peny and thedyngpeny, and to be quyte (thurgh all his londe and by watir) of tol and passage, of pountage and tallage and lestage, and of all other customs that longed to hym, wiþ all [their[2]] liberteis and fre customs. And he forbede that no 20 man shold do them wronge noþ*er* greef in no wise. For the forsaid chirche and mynchons of Godestowe and all their*e* goodes and possessions and their*e* men, more specially than all other in Englond, [ben] in oure hande, *pro*teccion, and 24 kepynge, * These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

with full manorial perquisites

and jurisdiction;

and exemption from royal taxes and impositions.

* leaf 190, back.

* leaf 188. 1229, Sept. 8.

[893.] * Another charter for them and all ther goodis and possessions, & *cetera*.

Protection to Godstow,

* leaf 188, back.

by Henry III.

THE sentence of this charter is, that henry kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, toke into his *pro*teccion and defence his abbesse and mynchons of Godestow, * And all ther men, londes and rentis, 28 goodis and possessions. And therfor he comaunded that all statis and mynystres, & *cetera*, shold maynteyne, kepe, and defende the same Abbesse and mynchons, and all ther men, londis and rentis, goodis and possessions, doyng to them, nother 32

[1] In error for Henry III.

[2] Added from the Latin.

suffryng to them, wronge, greef, harme or vexyng. And yf any man forfettid to them, they shold make hit to be amended to them with-oute delaye; witnessyng, & *cetera*.

[Note.—The preceding charter is put among those of Henry II, but as it bears date 'at Westminster, Sept. 8, the 13th year of his reign' (Exchequer MS.), it is plainly of Henry III.]

[894.] * A Charter of kyng henry the thirde, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all that parte of wode of hildesdene in-to an eschaunge of ij. cartis walkyng every day to busshyng in Shottore, for all the tythe of huntyng in wodestok, and wychewode, and the tythe of Elys of his stewys.

* leaf 190, back. 123⅚, Jan. 20.

Ratification to Godstow, by Henry III, of King John's grant of part of Hildesdene wood, in lieu of two carts daily in Shotover (no. 892 §67). Grants to Godstow, by Henry III of (70) tithe of king's * leaf 191. quarry in Woodstock park and Wychwood forest; (71) tithe of eels from Woodstock

4 The sentence of this charter is, that kyng henry, by the grace of god kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, willed to be know to Archebisshoppis, & *cetera*, that he yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god and 8 to serue for ever, all that parte of wode of hildesdene[1] with his pertynentis the whiche kyng Iohn his fadir in his day graunted to them, and assigned, into an eschaunge of ij. cartis the which they had every day walkyng to busshyng in his wode of Shot- 12 tore, as the forsaid parte of the wode is dyvyded fro a parte of wode of the Abbot and Couente of Oseney by the ledyng of a watir rynnyng bitwene: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to them and to ther successours, into fre and 16 perpetuel almesse, quyte fro wast and * rewarde. He graunted also to the same abbesse and holy mynchons of Godestowe[2], for hym and his heires, they shold haue and take for ever the tythe of the huntyng (all that they[3] shold take in the tyme to come) in 20 his parke of wodestok, and in his forest of wychewode: Also and the tythes of Elys of his stewys of wodestok, al so[4] ofte

[1] In Buckinghamshire: see Rot. Hundred. i. 22, col. 1. temp. Henr. III. 'Dominus abbas de Oseneya tenet medietatem bosci qui vocatur Hildesdene. Et abbatissa de Godestowe tenet aliam medietatem de Hildesden ex dono domini Regis Iohannis in perpetuam elemosinam.'

[2] Marginal note: *the tythe of huntinge in wodstoke parke and wychwode forest.* At the dissolution (*Monast.* iv. 372), 1540, Godstow was leasing the tithes of Woodstock manor and park for £2 6*s.* 8*d.*

[3] i. e. the king and his successors.

[4] Latin (Exchequer MS.) has: 'quotiens aualatio anguillarum contigerit'; i. e. (perhaps) as often as the eel-bucks are taken up. In the Calendar of Charter Rolls of Henry III the word is given as 'abalatio,' and explained as letting the eels come down from the eel-ponds.

ponds at each 'valson.'

as the valsoñ of elys happened of the same his stewys. He graunted also to them, for hym and his heires, that they shold not [be] put into plee of ony of ther tenement that they held in his demayne, but afore hym or his chief Iustices and afore his heires and chief Iusticis of his heires. Wherfore he willed and surely charged, for hym and his heires, that the forsaid Abbesse of Godestowe, and the holy mynchons ther seruyng god and to serve for ever, shold haue and hold for ever the forsaid parte of wode of hildesdene with his pertynentis, quyte of wast and rewarde, wele and in pese, quyetly and holy, into fre and perpetuell almesse. And that they shold haue and take for ever the tythe of all huntyng, the which they shold take in the tyme to come in his parke of wodestok, (that is[1] to sey, he and his heires), and in ther forest of wychewode also, and the tithe of elys of his stewys of wodestok, al so ofte as the valsoñ of Elys happenyd of the same ther stewys, and that they shold not be put into plee of ony of there tenement that they held in his demayne but afore hym or his chief Justice, and afore his heires and ther chief Justices, as hit is I-seid afore. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Confirmation also of privilege to be sued, about any tenement held of the crown, only before the Chief Justice of the King's Bench (as in no. 884).

* leaf 191, back. 1251, July 11.

[895.] * A confirmacioñ of kyng Henry, the sone of kyng Iohn, confermyng all that kyngis Henry fitz Emperice and kyng Iohn confermed and that worde by worde: loke the one of them and se the other of hem, & *cetera*.

[Note.—At Woodstock: July 11, 35 Henry III.]

1273, Oct. 17.

[896.] A confirmacioñ of kynge Edward, aftir the same forme, worde by worde, & *cetera*.

[Granted at Winchester, Oct. 17, 1 Edw. I, i. e. 1273, by the Chancellor.]

* leaf 192, back. 1312, Aug. 9.

[897.] * Another licence to morteyse londes and tenementes to þe valew of C. *shillings*.

Licence in mortmain, granted to Godstow, by Edward II, to acquire

Edward, by the grace of god kynge of Englond, & *cetera*, willed to be know that he of his speciall grace graunted and yaf licence for hym and his heires al so moche as was in hym to his welbeloued in crist the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe,

[1] This clause should follow 'they' in preceding line.

that they myght purchase and holde, to them and to ther successours for eu*er*, londis and tenementis to the valew of a C. *shillings* by yere after the verry valew of the same, bothe of his owne fee and of other fee except londis and tenementis that were I-hold' of hym in chief, * The statute not-with-stondyng I-made of londis and tenementis not to be put to morte-mayne. So nathelesse by Inquysicion to be do þ*er*of in dew forme, and to be returned in his Chauncery, hit be founde that hit myght be do withoute his harme and *pre*iudice and of all other. Into witnesse of the which thynge, he made to be made these his lettres patentis, hym-self beyng witnesse, at Dover*e*, the nynthe day of August, the vj. yere of his reigne.

lands up to £5 yearly value.

* leaf 193.

[Note.—We know from other sources that Edward II was at Dover, August 9, in the sixth year of his reign, i.e. 1312. This fixes the date, and removes the possibility of the licence belonging to Edward I's reign.]

[898.] * A confirmacion of kyng Edward, worde by worde as kyng Henry Fitz Emp*er*ice confermed afore.

* leaf 192. 1316, Dec. 27.

[Issued 10 Edward II.]

[899.] * A Charter of kyng Edward, confermyng all the liflode of Godestowe, worde by worde, as hit is I-writte afore, & *cetera*.

* leaf 193. 1330, July 24. Edward III.

[900.] A Chart*er* of kyng Richard confermyng all that other kyngis before hym confermed, and that worde by worde, and noþ*er* more ne lesse, & *cetera*.

About 1378. Richard II.

[General Charters:—3. By the Pope.]

[901.] * A-nother[1] confirmacion of pope Eugenye, I-graunted the yere of our Lord god a thousand a hundred and xlv^ti^.

* leaf 195, back. A.D. 1145.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Eugenye, Bisshopp*e*, seruaunte of the seruauntis of God, willed to be know to his wel-

Bull of pope Eugenius III,

[1] Put second in the Register, although first in point of time.

granted to Godstow, in the time of the foundress, * leaf 196.

beloued doughtirs in criste, Edyue, Abbesse of the monastery of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe, and to her susterne bothe at that tyme beyng and to be, professed reguler lyf, that, to that * entente the Cure of all the Chirche was I-commytted to hym of God, prouisor of all goode peple, that he sholde love religious peple and labour to sprede to god Religion wele pleasyng in all wises, For ther is never kynde or good seruyce do to god, but service comyng forth of the roote of charite be I-keped of the purenesse of Religion. For this[1] cause hit is nedefull that all cristen men, lovers of cristen feith, to love Religion and to norissh worshipfull places, with there persones I-sette to goddis seruyce, that they be not made vnrestfull or greved or I-weried with importune grefis. Therfore welbeloued in god doughtirs, he, bowed with the praiers of his welbeloued Robert, preeste Cardenall and Chauncellere, graunted to youre rightfull askyngis mekely, and toke the forsaid monastery of seynt Iohn Baptist, in the whiche ye bene sette to goddes seruyce, vndir his protecciou and seynt Petir, and defended by the priuilege of this writyng:

at the request of Robert de Gant, Lord Chancellor (died 1153).

Rule of St. Benedict is to be kept.

And first trewly ordeynyng that the ordire of Mynchons be kepi there clennely, in tymys perpetuell, aftir the rewle of Seynt Benette.

Godstow empowered to retain present possessions and acquire others.

Furthermore, all possessions and all maner goodes that now rightfully and lawfully ye possesse, or myght purchase, by the grace of god, or in tyme to come, by the graunte of Bisshoppes, liberalnesse of kyngis, largenesse of prynces, offryng of cristen peple, or by ony other rightfull maners, shold abide to them and to ther successours sure and vntastid.

Godstow properties named:— (i) the nunnery and its site (no. 2); (ii) the land called Godstow (no. 3); (iii) in Wolvercote (a) the mill, (b) two houses, (c) an island, (d) three meadows,

In the whiche he willed these[2] to be expressed [by] ther owne names:—The same monastery of our lady and of Seynt Iohn Baptist, with the possessions, and the Ile in the which the monastery Is I-founded, with his other pertynentis. Of the yifte of Iohn of seynt Iohn and of Reynold of Seynt Walerye, the lond that is I-called Godestowe, with the pertynentis; The mylle of wolgarecote; ij. mansions in wolgarecote, with ther pertynentis; The Ile that lieth bitwene the two watirs afore the yate of the monastery; thre medis, that is to sey, Boyeham,

[1] 'A good seiyng,' in margin.

[2] The order of the items is arbitrary, and differs from that in the royal charters already given.

Licheham, and Heryngesham; One Fysshwere vpon Themyse, wiſh his pertynentis; Half a mede that is I-called' Lambeye. And the other half of the same
4 mede, of the yifte of Robert Doyle, wiſh one bussheſſ of whete yerely of the mylle vndir the Caſteſſ of Oxenford'. The Chirch of seynt Gyle, the which is without Oxenford'. Of the yif[t]e of Alisaundre,
8 Bisshop of * Lyncolne, an hundred' shillyngis of the Tolle of Bannebury yerely to be paid' to theyme. Of the yifte of kynge Stephyne, an hundred' shillyng-worthe of londe in waltoñ, the Feyres of thre
12 dayes at the Natiuite of Seynt Iohn Baptist at Godestowe. Of the yifte of Roger, Bisshoppe of Salisbury, a mylle that is I-called' Boyemylle, wiſh his londis and pertynentis, ij. mansions at Seynt Cle-
16 mentis. Of the yifte of Raynold' the Erles sone and of Emelyne his wyf, Eatoñ, wiſh aſſ his pertynentis. In Halso, thre pounde worthe of lond', the which Robert, Erle of Leycester, yaf. Of the yifte of the
20 Citezens of Oxenford' the lond' that is I-called' the wyke in portemanheyt. And aſſ the right that they had' in the chirch of wadhille. Of the yifte of Hugh Tywe, nyne shillyngworth of lond' in Oxenford'. Of
24 the yifte of Seware, seven shillyngworth of lond' wiſh-out the northe gate. Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hide of lond' in Rysyndoñ. Of the yifte of Roger Dalmary, fyfty acres in Blechesdoñ. In
28 the same towne, one yerde of londe and x. acres, of the yifte of Waltere Pery. In knolle, the lond' that Raaſ wafere yaf to them. The londe that is I-called' Sanford'. Of the yifte of Robert Wytham,
32 a parte of mede beside Godestowe. Of the yifte of Ailwyne fitz Godegose xviij. shillyngworthe of lond' with-oute the South gate of Oxenforde. In Estchepe at londoñ, xvij. shillyng-worthe of londe. In
36 Wynchestir v. shillyngworthe of lond' of the yifte of Ambrose. Of the yifte of Raaſ Shreue and moolde his wyf, Shillyngforde. Alle the rightis in the tythes of Rollendriſh. xx. *shillings* of the chirche of

(e) King's-weir,
(f) half Lamb-ey (no. 771)

(iv) the other half of Lamb-ey, and a dole from Oxford Castle mills (no. 512);

(v) St. Giles' Church, Oxford (no. 4);
(vi) rent-charge on Ban-
* leaf 196, back.
bury market (no. 285);
(vii) land in Walton (no. 4);

(viii) Godstow fairs (no. 873);

(ix) Boy-mill (no. 4);

(x) two mansions in St. Clement's (no. 510);

(xi) Watereaton, Wilts. (no. 847);
(xii) land in Halso (no. 269);
(xiii) the Wyke near Oxford (no. 4);
(xiv) moiety of Pattishall church, Northnts. (no. 4);
(xv) Hugh of Tew's 9*s.* rent-charge in Oxford (no. 513);
(xvi) Sewar's 7*s.* rent-charge outside North Gate, Oxford (no. 4);
(xvii) land in Rissington, Gloucestershire (no. 186);
(xviii) 50 acres in Bletchingdon (no. 288);
(xix) yardland in Bletchingdon (no. 290);
(xx) Ralf Wafre's land in Knoll (no. 231);
(xxi) land called Sanford;
(xxii) Robert of Wytham's meadow (no. 32);
(xxiii) Ailwyn's land outside South Gate, Oxford;
(xxiv) 17*s.* in London, i. e. (*a*) 11*s.* and (*b*) 6*s.*, as in p. 679, l. 12;
(xxv) Ambrose's 5*s.* in Winchester;
(xxvi) Shillingford estate (no. 716);
(xxvii) Rollright tithes (no. 713);
(xxviii) pensions in the churches of Farringdon,

and of St. Mary-le-Crypt, Gloucester (no. 207 and no. 163). Godstow to supply the head in any community founded from it, under Benedictine rule.

Godstow to enjoy free choice of an abbess * leaf 197. at every vacancy.

Wilful wrongers of Godstow are placed under sentence of the greater excommunication, except they make satisfaction.

Farendon, Of the yifte of Robert, Bisshop of Excetir, yerely to be paid. Of the yifte also of the same, xx. *shillings* of the chirche of oure lady of Gloucestre yerely to be paid.

Beside all this he ordeyned that in abbeyes that come out of 4 them and keped ther rewles that none abbesse of another ordire or prioresse be preferred aboue yow.

And that [1] when the abbesse at that tyme, or ony othere succedyng, deyed, he charged that none shold be made abbesse 8 there by violence or wylynesse of surrepcion, but suche one as the Susterne with the commune assente, or elles the most parte of the sadde counseil of Sustres, prouide to be chose aftir the drede of god and the reule of Seynt Benette. Also he 12 decreed that hit shold not be lawfull * to [2] ony man to trouble the forsaide place frowardely or to take away theire possessions, or to holde theyme I-take awaye, lessen them, or to wery them with ony vexacions, but that they sholde be keped hole for 16 there gouernyng and susteynyng for the which they were I-graunted to profite in all maner vsis, Savyng his auctorite and the lawfull right and reverence of the Bisshoppe diocesane, And yf ony persone of the chirche or seculere, knowyng the 20 writyng of thise lettres his ordeynyng, tempte frowardly ayenst hit, twyes or thries I-warned, yf he correcte not his gilte with couenable satisfiyng, he shold lakke the dignyte of his worshippe and powere and know hym-self to be gilty to the Iuggemente of 24 god of his wikkednesse I-do, and that he is aliene fro the most holy body and blode of god and of oure lord agayne-byere Ihesu criste, and to be subiected to streight vengeaunce in the last dome. But pease of oure lorde Ihesu criste shold be to all men 28 kepyng the rightis of the same place, that they myght here bothe take the frute of goode doyng, and fynde rewardes of everlastyng pease ayenst the streight Iugge, & *cetera*.

* leaf 193. About 1192.

[902.] * Here begynneth [3] the bulles of popis, and of pope Celestyne confermyng all thyngis that were I-yeve to the mynchons of Godestowe, & *cetera*.

Bull of pope Celes-

CELESTYNE, bisshop, seruaunte to the seruauntis of god, 32

[1] 'For the eleccion,' in margin.

[2] The heading of lf. 197 is '*A bulle of pope Bonyface to take to ferme ther tythes*,' referring to no. 903, which follows no. 901 in the MS.

[3] In the Register, Celestine III's bull is put first, as being the fullest confirmation, but it is second in point of time.

willed' to be know, that [he] owed' to yeve help to his wel-
beloued' in crist doughters, abbesse of the monasterie of our
lady and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to her sustern
4 bothe now beyng and to be, I-professed' * regularre lyfe for
ever, wise virgynes, the which vndir the habite of religion, with
lampes I-tended', araied' them-self besely by the workis of mercy
to go ayenst ther spouse, lest perauenture to comyng of ony
8 frowardnesse other shold' reuoke fro ther purpose or strengthe of
the holy religion be broke, that god forbede. Therfore, he
graunted' mercyfully to the rightfull askyngis of his welbeloued'
in criste doughtirs, and toke the forsaid' monastery of oure lady
12 and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe in tho which they were
I-sette to the seruyce of god', at the exemple of his predecessours
of blissed' mynd', Eugeny, Alisaundre, and Clement, popis of
Rome, and defensed' hit with the privilege of this present
16 writyng, he toke hit vndir his[1] proteccion.

tine III, renewing to Godstow

* leaf 193, back.

the protections granted by popes Eugenius III (1145–53), Alexander III (1159–81), Clement III (1187–91);

And first he ordeyned' that the ordir of mynchons the which
is I-know I-ordeyned' after god' and the rewle of seynt Benet
in the same monastery shold be keped' for ever ther inuiolably.
20 Furthermore that all possessions all goodis that the monastery
at that tyme rightfully and lawfully had' in possession or in
tyme to come by graunte of Bisshoppes, yiftis of kyngis or
of prynces, by the offeryngis of trew cristen men, or by ony
24 other rightfull maners, by oure lordis graunte, myght be pur-
chased', shold' abide to them sure and clene, and to ther
predecessours[2].

making the same provisos as in no. 901;

In the which he willed' to be expressed' these thyngis
28 by ther owne names, that place in the which the mon-
astery is I-sette with the Ile and all his pertynentis;
The chirche of wycombe, with all his pertynentis;
The chirche of Bloxham, with all his pertynentis; all
32 the tythe of all the frutes of wodestok; The right
that they had' in the chirche of Patishulle; The
chirche of Dauntesburne, with the londes and ther
pertynentis; The tythe of Rollendrith; The chirch
36 of Seynt Gyle, that is with-out Oxenford', with
his pertynentis; The chirche of Lamyeth; And the
chirche of Esendon, with his pertynentis; The

mentioning properties recited in no. 901, with others recently acquired, viz.:—

(xxix) Wycombe church (no. 87);
(xxx) Bloxham (no. 306);
(xxxi) tithe of fruits of Woodstock (no. 876);
(xxxii) Duntisborne (no. 154);
(xxxiii) Lamyat (no. 780);
(xxxiv) Easington (no. 438);

[1] 'Marke wele,' in margin.

[2] Read 'successours.'

(xxxv) Dinton (no. 52); (xxxvi) Wolvercot town (no. 5); (xxxvii) the 'cowry' in Pattishall (no. 886 § 42); (xxxviii) Clereprevet (no. 216); * leaf 194. (xxxix) two carts daily in Shotover (892 § 67); (xl) fishery in Cherwell (no. 540);

chirche of Donyngton, with all the pertynentis; Also of the yifte of kynge henry the seconde, the towne of wolgarecote, with all his pertynentis. Also of the yifte of the same, the Cowerye of pacheshale with pasture; and lond in Clere by name Prevet. 4 And of the yifte of the same kyng henry and of kynge Richard his sone, two cartis every day walkyng in the wode of Shottore to cary busshes to the nede of the mynchons. Of the yifte of Moolde the emperice his modir and his, the lond of Shillyng- 8 ford, that is to sey, * two hides and half a yerde, with his other pertynentis; And a hundred shillyngworth of lond in Walton; And one Fysshwere in Charewelle, with medis and pastures and all there pertynentis; And the Faires that dure by thre hole 12 dayes at Godestowe at the Natiuite of Seynt Iohn Baptist. Of the yifte of Reynolde of Seynt Walerye the mylle of Wollegarecote, and one Fysshwere that is I-called bynsilwere[1]; And medis that bene called Heryngisham, Boyeham, and Licheseye; 16 And a lond that lieth bitwene the two waters; And half of a mede that is I-called Lambeye. And the other half of the same mede, of the yifte of Robert Doylle. Of the yifte of Alisaundre, somtyme bisshoppe of Lyncolne, an hundred shil- 20 lynges by yere of the Tolle of Bannebury. Of the yifte of Bernard of Seynt Walerye, a mede that is I-called Pechesey, and to mow the same mede iiij. *shillings* by yere At the fest of Seynt Iohn Baptist (ij. *shillings* in Erdyngton And ij. *shillings* 24 in lye). Of the yifte of Robert, Bisshoppe of Excetere, xl. *shillings* yerely to be paid, that is to sey, xx. *shillings* in the chirche of Farendon, And xx. *shillings* in the chirch of oure lady of Gloucestre. Of the yifte of Robert, Erle of leycester, 28 thre pounde worthe of lond in Halso; Of the yifte of Amye Countesse, his wyf, ij. marke by yere, one in Brakeley and another in Farnyngho. Of the yifte of Raynold, the Erles sone, and of Emelyne his wyf, and of his heires, Eaton with all 32 his pertynentis. Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hyde of lond in Rysyndene. Of the yifte of Richard Labaanc, all the dowerye of his wyf, that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his predecessours had in possession, that is to sey, v. hides 36 and Cnolle and Swanton with all ther pertynentis. Of the yifte of Arnolphe Bolde, the londe that is I-called Sanford.

(xli) Pechesey, with rent-charges (no. 886 § 44);

(xlii) rent-charges in Brackley and Farthingho (no. 260); (xliii) Hodycote, Knoll, and Swanton (no. 234);

[1] 'Binsilwere' also in the Latin; in both cases in error for King's-weir.

Of the yifte of Roger Dalmarye, fyfty acres in Blechesdon; Of the yifte of Walt*er* Pery, in the same towne, one yerde of lond and x. acris. Of the yifte of hugh Tywe, nyne
4 shillyngworthe of lond in Oxenford. Of the yifte of Roger, Bisshopp*e* of Salisbury, a mylle that is I-called boymylle, with the lond that lieth to the same. Of the yifte of the Citezens of Oxenford wyke or wyke crofte, the
8 which Segreue held in portemanheyte beside Oxenford; And of the other p*ar*te of the same Citee vpon the Southbrigge, xviij. shillyngworth of lond. * Of the yifte of Ambrose Fitz Gerolde, v. s*hillings* in wynchestir. Of
12 the yifte of Baldewyn*e* fitz Ingelot, in london in westchepe, xj. s*hillings*. Of the yifte of Edward fitz Sywyne, vj. s*hillings*. Of the yifte of hugh, Archidekon of Leycetir, one Shoppe in westchepe ij. s*hillings*, and ij. s*hillings*
16 with-in the west yate of Seynt Powle. Of the yifte of Alurede Bendeuille, the mylle of Botheworde[1]. Of the yifte of henry of Oxenforde, one hide of lond in walton. Of the yifte of william venn3, a mylle and his lond in
20 Hymbeset. Of the yifte of Rob*er*t Meysy in wynchestir, his londe with-oute the north yate, And in Selwithstrete and Flesshmongerstrete. Of the yifte of Rob*er*t Euersy, his tofte of Roddys (in Laty*n*e virgultu*m*) without Glou-
24 cestre at the kyngesh*a*m, and one dwellyng place. Of the yifte of herebert of Seynt Quyntyn, in wynchestre two dwellyng placis, with-in the walle one, and one with-oute. Of the yifte of Aleyn*e* of lye, half a marke in Puth*a*m.
28 Of the yifte of Rob*er*t fitz Nigelle, one yerde of lond in Blechesden. Of the yifte of Nicholas Motton, ij. s*hillings* in Thormerton. Of the yifte of Gye of Seynt walerye, half a marke in wynchestir[2]. Of the yifte of the Abbot
32 of Abendon and of all the Couente, v. acris by name called Pederesh*a*m. Of the yifte of hugh of Merton, one marke by yere of the mylle of worthe[3]. Of the yifte of walter Clyfford, the mylle of Framton with all his
36 p*er*tynentis, And in wyche xiiij. mittis of Salte and one mese. Of the yifte of hubert fitz hugh, one Salyne,

* leaf 194, back.

(XLIV) shop in Westcheap and land near St. Paul's (no. 243);

(XLV) Bothesworde mill; (XLVI) a hide in Walton (no. 516); (XLVII) mill at Empshot (no 202); (XLVIII) land in Winchester (no. 236); (XLIX) land at Gloucester (no. 165); (L) houses at Winchester (no. 237); (LI) rent-charge in Petham (no. 864); (LII) yardland in Bletchingdon (no. 290); (LIII) rent-charge in Tormarton (no. 193); (LIV) rent-charge in Knighton, Berks. (no. 16); (LV) meadow called Pederisham (no. 33); (LVI) rent-charge on Highworth mill (see no. 863); (LVII) Frampton mill, salt rights, &c. (no. 156);

[1] 'Botheswurda' in the Latin copy: see note [5], p. 663.
[2] In the Latin copy 'Ciheton,' in error for 'Knighton.'
[3] Highworth.

(LVIII) a salt-pit in Wiche (no. 200); (LIX) rent-charges in Winchester; (LX) in (? Gloucester); (LXI) in Brackley; (LXII) (Brasmonger's) outside Oxford; (LXIII) and at Ickford (no. 67); (LXIV) messuages in Cat-street; (LXV) and in St. Edward's Street, Oxford; (LXVI) fitz Durand's rent-charge in Oxford (no. 517); (LXVII) meadow at Wytham (no. 32).

(anglicè, a salte pitte) in wiche that is I-called a Cowe. (Also in wynchestir, of the yifte of herberte fitz westman xvj. *shillings* ix. d.; Of the yifte of Edeyue the wyf of Thursteyne Osere, iij. *shillings* viij. d. ob*olus*; Of the yifte of hereberte Reve, v. *shillings*; Of the yifte of william of Seynt Pancrace, ij. *shillings* with-oute the Est yate; Of the yifte of humfrey, Chapeleyne of the abbesse of Godestowe, in wynchestir vppon Cheshulles, ix. *shillings* v. d. ob*olus*; Of the yifte of Alisandire, preest of Gloucestire, xij. d. Of the yifte of Turkille Reve in Brakeleye, iiij. *shillings*. Of the yifte of Aleyne Brasmonger and of Edithe his wyf, half a marke by yere without the north yate of Oxenford. Of the yifte of Bartholomew Ickeforde, half a marke. Of the yifte of Roger fitz Sewyne, one mese at Oxenford in Catstrete. Of the yifte of Iohn Bisshoppe of Norwyche, ij. mesis in Seynt Edwardis strete. Of the yifte of Geffrey fitz Durande * and of Moolde his wyf, one marke in Oxenforde. Of the yifte of Vyncente knyght of Wytham, v. acris of mede by name Ruenth, *with* the pertynentis.

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Exemption from paying tithe of (*a*) '*novale*,' (*b*) cattle, (*c*) fruit-trees, (*d*) fisheries. Privileges to accept novices, and to retain professed nuns, except they have leave to enter a stricter rule;

Furthermore no man shall presume to take or aske[1] of yow tythes of youre noualle that ye tele with youre hondes or costis, or of the norisshyng of youre bestis, or of the frutes of youre trees, or of the vsis of Fisshyngis.

And hit shall be lawfull to yow to resceive fre persones and lowsid fleyng fro the worlde to conuersion, and to holde theyme, with-oute ony agayne-seiyng. More-overe he forbede that to none of her sustern shold be lawfull to go a-wey after profession I-made in the same place, with-oute licence of the Abbesse of the same place, but by cause of streighter religion: And that no man holde none that gothe away, with-oute the writyng of there commune lettres.

to have services during interdict;

And whan that ther is a generall[2] entirdityng I-made, Hit shold be lawfull to them, the yates I-shitte, cursed peple I-excluded or I-shitte oute[3], and also suche as be entirdited,

[1] 'for tythes,' in margin. The Latin is: 'Sane novalium vestrorum quae propriis manibus vel sumptibus colitis, sive de nutrimentis animalium vestrorum, seu de fructibus arborum vel usibus piscationum, nullus a vobis decimas exigere vel extorquere presumat.'

[2] 'for generall enterdityng,' in margin.

[3] The second participle is (as is frequent with the translator) an alternative rendering of the Latin word. The clause runs: 'persons excommunicate and interdicted being shut out.'

the belles [not[1]] I-ronge, with[2] lowe voice to sey goddis service.

Also he comaunded to yeve to them with-oute ony exaccion creyme and holy oyle, halewyngis of auters or of chirches, ordeynyngis of clerkis the which ben to be promoted to holy ordirs, and other sacramentis of the chirche, by the Bisshoppe diocesane.

to have from the diocesan (without fee) chrism, oil for extreme unction, consecration of altars and churches, and ordination of their chaplains;

And in parissh chirches that they haue, hit shall[3] be lawfull to theyme to chese preestis and presente them to theire diocesane Bisshoppe, to the which yf they be covenable, he shalle commytte to them Cure of sowles, that they aunswere of dewte to hym of spirituall thyngis, and to yow of the temperalteis.

and to impropriate churches.

Also he confermed by his auctorite the liberteis and the immynumentis[4] the whiche somtyme Alisaundre, bisshoppe of Lyncolne, resonably yaf, with the consente of the Archidekon, to ther monastery, with good deuocion, vppon hospitaliteis not to be asked of the Archidekon of the place, Chapeleyns and other mynystres wrongfully to be impleyd nother to be compellyd to go to Seyne, as hit is I-conteyned in the autentikes of the forsaid Bisshoppe, and hidir to be ordre.

Exemption (no. 866) from archdeacon's jurisdiction in respect of hospitality, and calling chaplains into his court or to his visitation.

And whan the abbesse at that tyme of that place, or[5] ony of theyme that succede, [died] none shold be made abbesse there by ony wylynesse of surrepcion or violence but suche one which the * Sustirs, with the commune assente, or the more parte of the sad counseille of Sustern, aftir the love of god and the rewle of Seynt Benette prouide to be chose.

Right to elect their own abbess at every vacancy.

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Also, he willyng with his fadirly besynesse to prouide to pease and rest fro that tyme forthe, forbede, by his auctorite of the appostles, that no man with-in the closyng of ther howses or graungis do violence or Rauysshynge or theft, sette to fire, take man or sle, or frowardely be bolde to do violence. Therfor (or[6] for these causes) decreid that hit shold not be lawfull to no man vttirly to trouble the forsaid monastery frowardly, or to take away theire possessions, to with-hold them I-take

Excommunication against all who commit crimes in their houses or barns, or take

[1] Added from the Latin.

[2] In the Latin: 'suppressa voce celebrate divina officia.'

[3] 'grete priuylege,' in margin.

[4] In the Latin is 'immunitates.'

[5] 'for to chese the abbesse of the same place,' in margin.

[6] 'Marke wele,' in margin.

away their possessions,

away to lessen them or to vexe them with ony vexacions but that they shold be keped hole for theire sustenaunce and gouernynge for the which they were I-graunted to profite in all manere vsis, Savyng the auctorite of the pope and the reguler right of the diocesane Bisshoppe. And yf ony in the tyme to come, of the Chirche or of the seculer parte, knowyng this his writyng, tempte frowardely to come or do ayenst hit twyes or thries I-warned, but he correcte his gilte with dew satisfaccion, he shold lakke or be depreved of his dignyte, worshippe, and powere, and know hym to be Iugged of god for that his wikkednesse that he did, And that he stondith departed fro the most holy body and blode of god and of oure agayne-byere Ihesu crist, and be subiected to streight vengeaunce in the last dome. And all this is no more to sey after my symplenesse, but that suche persones bene accursed. And he wolde that the pease of oure lord Ihesu crist shold be, to all kepyng of the same place theire rightis, that is to sey, they shold have cristis blissyng, that they doyng so myght take the frute of ther good doyng and to fynde the rewardes of everlastyng pease at the streight Iuggement. Amen, & *cetera*.

and against all, lay or cleric, who obstinately oppose this bull.

* leaf 197. 140¼, Febr. 18.

[903.] * A confirmacion of Boneface the nynthe, grauntyng that þei myght sette to ferme all frutis, availes, rentis, tythis, offryngis, porcions, & *cetera*.

Bull of pope Boniface IX (el. 1389, Nov. 2; died 1404, Oct. 1), empowering Godstow

THE sentence of this confirmacion is, that Boneface, bisshop, servaunte of the seruantis of god, willed to be know to a perpetuell myndyng or memorie, that al so ofte as hit was I-asked of hym that was accordyng (or semed to acorde) to the holy religion and honeste, he graunted and thought to graunte with a good wille and to graunte to the desiris of the askers convenyent helpe. This was the cause that he inclyned to the supplicacions of his welbeloued in crist the abbesse of Godestowe and of the Couente of the same monastery of the ordire of Seynt Benette of Lyncolne Diocise in this behalf, that they myght lawfully and frely arendre, sette to ferme, yeve or selle, all frutis, rentis, prouentis, tythis, and offeryngis of chirches, chapelles, porcions, pensions, and of othere possessions longyng

to lease out, give, or sell, the yearly proceeds of their different possessions,

then to them and to there monastery or afterward to be longed[1], to clerkes or to laye men, Ioyntly or departyngly, as hit semyth best to them, and also afore or [2] these manere of * frutis, rentis, prouentis, porcions of tythes, and pensions, they were departed fro the grounde or the nyne parties [3]. And also to the forsaid clerkis or Layemen, that they myght gadre the frutis, rentis, prouentis, tythes, pensions, porcions, and resceive them to ferme, and put theyme in Clerkes grounde or Layemennes frely and lawfully, and dispose of them after ther owne lust and wille, By the auctorite he yaf licence by the tenoure of this present writyngis, no licence of the ordinaries or of ony othere requysite or gete, Notwithstondyng statutis of the forsaide ordre contrary, And also legatinis of Othon and Octobon and Synodall and other constitucions strengthed by the pope or by ony other suerte. And yf hit happened that his worshipfulle brothere, Bisshoppe of Lyncolne beyng for the tyme, or ony other, wold gete lettres of the pope or of his legatis ayenst this manere of graunte, or happened in tyme to be in generall or in speciall, hit shold not be of no strengthe nor of surete but mension were had in them of these present lettres fulle and expressed and fro worde to worde, decreyng, fro that tyme, to be nought, and in vayne, yf hit happened to be attempted beside vpon these thyngis of [4] ony man, knowyngly or ignorantly, by ony auctorite, And that hit sholde not be lawfull to no man to breke this pagyne or writyng of this his grauntyng of wille and decree, or to go ayenst hit with frowarde boldenesse. And yf ony man presume or attempte hit, Lette hym knowe that he rynnythe in-to the indignacion of god and of his blissed appostles Petir and Paule. The date at Rome, at Seynt Petir, xij. kalendis of marche, the xiij. yere of his Bisshophode.

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without obtaining licence of the ordinary, and in spite of provisions of the canon law.

No papal decree hereafter obtained by any bishop is to be of power to annul this grant, unless the revocation expressly recites the grant and expressly repeals it.

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[1] The Latin is: 'in posterum spectandorum, clericis sive laicis, coniunctim vel divisim, prout ipsis videbitur expediens, et eciam antequam huiusmodi fructus, redditus, et proventus decimarum, porciones, ac pensiones a solo vel a novem partibus separentur seu oblaciones offerantur, arrendare, locare,' &c.

[2] 'Afore or' = before that.

[3] i.e. before the tenth (tithe) sheave is brought into the tithe-barn, or even separated from the shocks in the field.

[4] MS. 'yf.'

ADDITIONAL NOTES

In a Shillingford deed, 544/6, Godstow agrees to allow a tenant one acre of stubble for repairs. This refers to a farm process now extinct. In 1366, in an *Inquisitio post mortem*, I find that at Dodford manor, Northamptonshire, it was required (among other works) of each *nativus* holding a virgate in villeinage that he should, during two days, mow the lord's stubble after harvest and give one day's work with his cart to cart said stubble. I have asked my farmer-churchwarden to explain this work to me. He says that, in his boyhood, in Essex, only the barley was 'mowed' with the scythe. The wheat was all 'reaped' with the sickle. The sickle left a long stubble twelve or eighteen inches high. The length of the stubble depended on the farmer's orders for the reaping. If he was short of straw he would bid his reapers 'cut low'; if not, he would say 'cut high,' so leaving a longer stubble. After the crop was stacked, when the weather was favourable, this stubble was cut. It was, as a rule, very stiff; and could be cut only by leaning it against the boot and hacking it off. The local word for this operation was 'harming.' The stubble was then raked into heaps, in which it lay, possibly for some weeks, till it was carted off. It was used partly for spreading as litter for cattle in the yards, partly to make fences inside hurdles to shelter sheep and cattle from the wind. In the Shillingford deed it seems intended to be pounded up and kneaded with clay to make plaster for walls. Many such 'clay-built' sheds remain in Essex. The existence, for weeks after harvest, of this long stubble gives point to the lines in Milton's *L'Allegro*:—

> Russet Lawns, and Fallows Gray,
> Where the nibling flocks do stray.

The pastures (lawns) would be russet because the grass was embrowned by the approach of winter: the stubble-fields (lying fallow, and common of pasture) would be gray by reason of the long stubble. Under modern reaping the soil shows up too distinctly to allow of this colour appearing so prominently.

In a Wiltshire deed, thrice repeated (nos. 809, 810, 813), among the manorial privileges granted to Godstow 'redempcions of progenytours' ('ayenebiyings of fadirs-afore') finds place. Assuming that the Latin is *redemptiones progenitorum*, the question arises what is meant. (1) If we take the *progenitores* to be the agents and to redeem, we may take it to be an allusion to the custom of *merchet* ('redemptio carnis et sanguinis pro filiis et filiabus ad voluntatem domini'), i.e. the fine exacted by the lord on occasion of the marriage of a child of his serf. The phrase would thus be 'payments by progenitors on the marriage of their children.' (2) It is possible to construe the genitive, as if the *progenitores* were the patients and were redeemed. In this case we would have to think of an emancipated serf paying a fee for a sort of ante-dated manumission. In defending himself against a suit *de nativo habendo*, it might be of importance to a man to have a presentable manumission of his father; and for that he would naturally pay a fee. For help towards the interpretation of this unusual franchise I am indebted to Mr. George Holden, of All Souls College Library, Oxford.

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